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V.P. athletic post needs candidates

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council will hold a byelection Oct. 9 to fill the vice-president athletic office, left vacant after last year's elections. Names of candidates were not available at press time.

Students interested in running must have nominee kits completed and returned to Lou DiMattio, SAC liaison, in ME103 by Oct. 1 at 4 p.m.

College officials had looked into the possibility of allowing the loser of last year's vice-president external race to hold the post, however, SAC's constitution does not allow that.

DiMattio said response has been as expected.

The polling station at the Welland Campus will be located in the main lobby, outside the library. Students must present their student cards, or they will not be permitted to vote.

October Plan scheduling freeze

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Scheduling is on hold for the college's October Plan until a co-ordinator of general education is hired, said Alexandra Fic, co-ordinator of general college.

The plan, part of the Master Student Course, is aimed at helping students who run into trouble with their courses in the first five to six weeks of the term, said David Schleich, vice-president academic.

"What we would do is give them a chance to stay full time," he said. "They wouldn't lose their OSAP, but would move into the October Plan and take courses to help in their troubled areas."

Under the plan, math and English upgrading will tentatively begin the week of Oct. 18 and the Master Student Course would follow, said Fic.

"We have to wait for the new co-ordinator to be appointed, see who is teaching (the courses), and how it will be scheduled," Fic said.

The application closing date was Sept. 11, and the position must be filled by Sept. 30.

Long live the King!

Chris Murray and Mitch Girio (on guitar) are part of King Apparatus, who treated Niagara College fans to an afternoon of live ska music at After Hours last Tuesday. See page 8.
Photo by Duncan Warrener

Record enrolment

By ARLENE ARCH
Staff Writer

They're back.

And this year there are even more of them.

Niagara College enrolment has increased 15 per cent from last year bringing the total number of registered students to 4,753 as of Sept. 24.

College enrolment has reached a record high — up 700 students from last year.

The number of first-year students has increased 13 per cent, while figures show a 20 per cent jump in the number of students returning to the college.

Ivar Noren, college registrar, in part blames the weak Canadian economy for the high number of students. He said many students living near the college can't afford to go away so they decide to stay in the area and attend a local college where costs are less expensive.

Another factor is that people are realizing in order to compete in the job market they need a post-secondary education, he said.

Kathy Borisenko, the college's financial aid officer, agrees with Noren's comments. In fact, the financial aid caseload has increased 63 per cent from 1990 resulting in 14-hour shifts, three days out of five, for the financial aid staff.

And although the number of students has increased, line-ups at the financial aid office were shorter, Borisenko said, referring to the fact the financial aid staff got a head start this year by helping the students a week earlier.

"We wanted to ensure quick customer service to everyone," she said.

Last year's enrolment in early September was 4,017.

Shortfall squeezes college finances

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

An unforeseen $1-million shortfall, created by decreased federal funding and increased wage settlements, has pushed Niagara College's deficit to $2.7-million.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration, said the college won't receive $520,000 in federal funding through the Unemployment Insurance Training Fund.

Van der Slagt said the college was led to believe it would receive the funding from Ottawa.

An additional $280,000 in wage settlements added more red ink to the bottom line.

Van der Slagt said because wage settlements are higher this year, the college will look for new sources of revenue, and improve overall efficiency.

Meanwhile, areas affected by the financial freeze include technical training programs, and programs funded on a daily basis such as English as a Second Language and machine shop.

Van der Slagt said Ottawa may end up moving these programs from Niagara College out into the community. He cited the YMCA and other organizations as examples.

President John Saso said every Ontario college has the same problem, and he is not panicking. He said he will ask staff and students for ideas to bring the deficit down.

The college's accumulated deficit at the end of the 1991/92 year was $2.4 million, but college officials had anticipated a shortfall $400,000 less than what materialized. The over-expenditure was addressed by reducing travel and supply costs.

When the 1992/93 budget was released, there was a $300,000 surplus. The college met its deficit goal of $1.7-million. However, federal funding cuts and other factors pushed this deficit up an additional $1 million.

Van der Slagt said a zero deficit by 1996 coninues to be the college's goal. "We have these challenges to overcome before we can get to this point."

New Niagara News

JP program tries something different

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

We're changing.

Our bright new look starts with the masthead, the five-column banner that tells you our name.

The second-year Journalism-Print program students have redesigned the front page to make it clearer and more easily read. Information boxes topping the page "tease" you into reading what's inside.

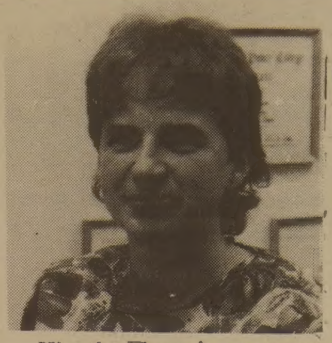
This year we introduce cartoonist Shane Lickers. He is a first-year Visual Arts program student at Niagara. He has been drawing cartoons for the *Welland Guardian Express* for two years and has drawn cartoons for Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville for one year and the *Dunnville Chronicle* for seven years. Any student with ideas for cartoons, preferably with a college-related theme, can call extension 7750 or visit the newsroom, located on the second floor in Simcoe building, room S212, Welland Campus.

"Kiss the Flame" will be a regular column contributed by Heather Hodgson, a professor in the Law and Security Administration program. She aims to bring information on combatting substance abuse into the college.

Your voice or opinion is welcome in our Letters to the Editor section. Our policy regarding letter submission is:

1. All letters must be received on the Thursday prior to publication.
2. Each letter must include the student's name, college identification number and program of study.
3. All letters must be signed and include a day and evening phone number for verification use only.

All letters can be mailed or brought to the newsroom.



Taking the right risks

By HEATHER HODGSON
Special to Niagara News

Kiss the Flame is a momentum that is building and spreading through Niagara College. It provides information, alternatives and incentives to RE-EVALUATE, REDUCE or continue to REFUSE the use or abuse of alcohol or other drugs.

The name comes from the "flame of knowledge" coupled with risk taking symbolized by "kissing" the flame. Risk taking is part of growth and life. Knowledge can help to find appropriate risks that will enhance your life.

Your greatest risk taking adventure may be to stand up to your peers and enjoy life without abusing alcohol or other drugs. Confidence in yourself and the knowledge that most people don't abuse alcohol or other drugs will support your decision.

Many of us have been victims of substance abuse: directly, through domestic violence, impaired driving collisions, or even through personal use; or indirectly, as the children, spouses, siblings or friends of substance abusers.

A recent media campaign asked the question "Is your drinking hurting anyone?". The following may help to explain the effects on family members . . .

(DAD) Fragments
A charming man, the perfect host,
Yet twists inside the demon ghost.
Deep inside where none can see
The demon ghost waits with glee.

Yearning pain, it tears and burns.
Your soul tormented. Your whole life turns.
No more to see. No more to do.
The demon ghost inside of you.

Love grows dim. Life is cheap.
Your time is filled with booze and sleep.
You face the dawn. The sun will set.
Your life is filled with pain, regret.

The demon ghost will ease the pain,
So fill your glass and drink again.

Then life grows weak, you've finally lost.
The debt is called. What a cost.
Alone and cold you face your death.
No turning back. No second breath.

The demon ghost will smile with glee.
But, what about your family?

They still cared; believed you'd change;
That with their love, you'd rearrange
Your life. But no, you failed them too.

The demon ghost meant more to you.

There are many organizations in the community that offer support and assistance. The Addiction Research Foundation has a toll free information line: 1-800-387-2916; Alcoholics Anonymous-Niagara Falls, 354-0552; St. Catharines, 935-7497; Welland, 732-6653. For other "help" lines, check the front pages of the telephone directory.

NEXT ISSUE: DO I HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM?

Heather D. Hodgson, a professor in the Law and Security Administration program at Niagara College, will be writing and presenting a series of articles addressing Kiss the Flame.

Can we make a difference ?

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council is discussing sending a representative to the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association.

Some SAC members have questions about the association.

Dale Deloughery, SAC president, said the association has something to prove to Niagara College. He said last time the college was a member, the association was used as an avenue to party and have a good time.

Sue Harvey, SAC executive vice-president, is not interested in representing the college. She said she doesn't believe the association has enough influence with the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"I'm not interested in going, it doesn't appeal to me," she said, adding she feels the same way about the association as some Niagara students feel about SAC. "I don't think they do anything for us."

Kristen Sorenson, SAC vice-president external, said the association is in a transitional period. "I think the association has the potential to be an effective, influential organization, where students can benefit from their actions."

There has been debate in SAC as to which member might represent the college. Deloughery said either the president or executive vice-president should attend association meetings, not the vice-president, external. But Jeff Sindall, Mohawk College's student council president, said although only presidents were allowed previously, any member of council can now join.

The association was established in 1975 with the Ontario Community College Student Presidential Association. The association later changed its name from presidential to student to broaden its appeal. The association's aim is to ensure college students' concerns are brought to the attention of the ministry.

The association was first recognized by the province in 1984 when it lobbied for students' concerns regarding a provincewide faculty strike.

The association represents 15 community colleges and more than 110,000 students in Ontario.

No golf, no pool, no vacation

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Niagara College's four top administrators didn't spend their summer hitting golf balls or relaxing by the pool. Instead, they spent it here making changes in their departments.

Vice-presidents David Schleich, Hans van der Slagt, Dan Patterson and Carol Boettcher have projects in the works for the 1992/93 school year.

Schleich, vice-president academic, is "excited" about the new Master Student's October Plan. The October plan is aimed at identifying unsuccessful students before they withdraw and offer them training skills.

"It's almost like a safety net," he said.

Students having trouble in their courses will be identified by their instructors and the Master Student course and upgrading in English and math will be suggested to the student.

Van der Slagt, vice-president administration, has spent much of his time on the college's Master Plan, announced last February. The plan is a $32-million long-range project changing the future of the college, both academically and geographically at the three campuses in Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls. One of its major proposals is a new 200-bed residence in Welland by September 1994, he said.

"The plan is proceeding very nicely."

Patterson, vice-president Ventures, is "motivated" by a new Jobs Ontario Training Fund.

The college was recently named the broker for the Niagara Region to work with employers, employees and area municipalities to promote training for unemployed workers. "We are providing an important economic renewal focus," Patterson said.

The training fund's goal is to encourage the creation of 2,000 jobs in the Region and help social assistance recipients or those whose unemployment insurance benefits have expired.

Boettcher, vice-president student life and human resources, is *"pleased with the success"* of the recent orientation for first-year students just before classes started.

"It really was a good turn-out . . . all the way around, I think it worked out really well," she said. "An exciting part was the involvement of the second-year students as frosh-keepers . . . they were just terrific."

Kiss the flame Campaign

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Kiss the Flame program is an awareness campaign to offer alternatives and information on the alcohol abuse problem.

Kiss the Flame is "part of the overall campaign that we are trying to get going here," said Heather Hodgson, a Niagara College Law and Security instructor who is also from the Ontario Committee Council on Impaired Driving.

It is a one-year program involving four faculties in the school. It hopes to encourage students to "come on board" and try fundraising to stop drinking and driving.

Future speakers will come to the college and talk with Law and Security students and faculty.

State Farm Insurance is promoting a designated driver's program by supplying a package available to students in the college library.

The designated driver's kit is supposed to be a training session, says Hodgson, but it has not yet been formalized. "Eventually I'd like to do a presentation to the student body on it," she said.

First frosh week Disappoint organizers

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's first Frosh Week was held from Sept. 2 to 4 at the Welland campus.

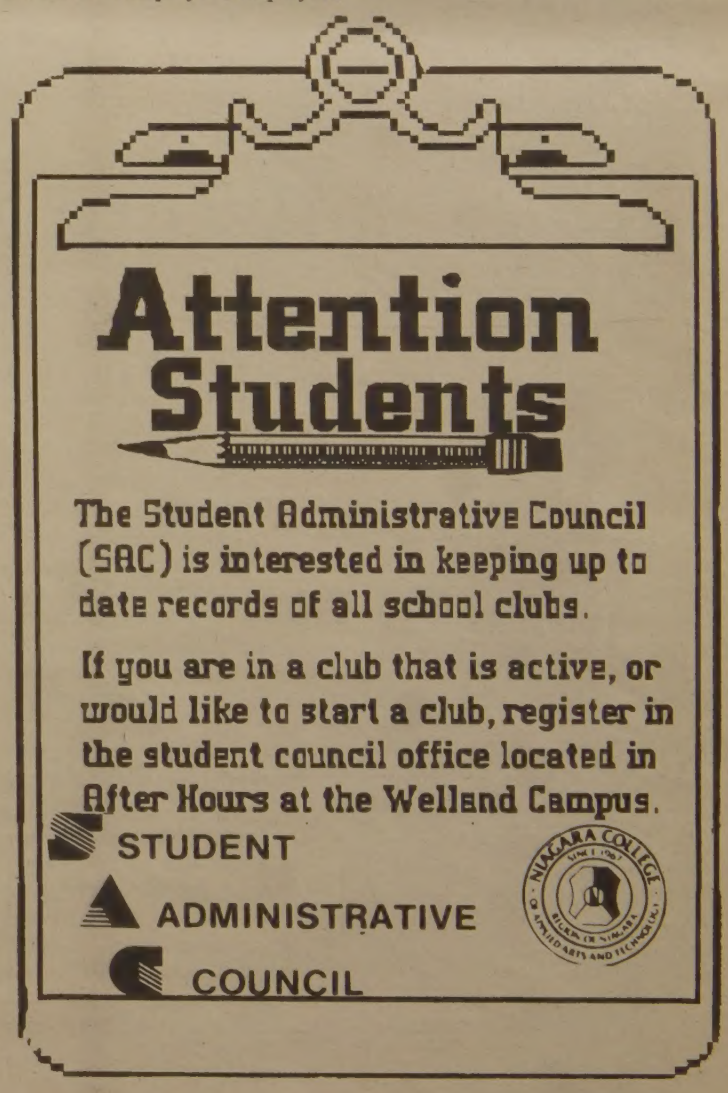
Frosh '92, including such events as a mini-Olympics, barbecue, tennis, Pirates baseball game, an illusionist, and free food, was aimed at helping first-year students feel more comfortable at the college by meeting their professors and other first-year students.

Although the turn out was "disappointing," organizers expressed "high expectations" for next year.

"It was a learning experience," said Lou DiMattio, of the student services department. "Past orientations were only one day and quite boring."

Suggestions for next year include changing the orientation dates until after Labor Day, ensuring all first year students will attend while the remaining students will return after the three day frosh period.

DiMattio wanted to give credit to the 60 full time students who volunteered their services during Frosh Week.


Attention Students
The Student Administrative Council (SAC) is interested in keeping up to date records of all school clubs.
If you are in a club that is active, or would like to start a club, register in the student council office located in After Hours at the Welland Campus.
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Campus Watch begins

By SUE HARVEY
Staff Writer

Campus Watch, an innovative campus community-based public safety initiative, has started at Niagara College. Like Neighborhood Watch, Campus Watch is not only a crime prevention program but a philosophy incorporated into the lifestyle of each member of the campus community.

In co-operation with Brock University and the Niagara Regional Police, Niagara has introduced Campus Watch.

"The most important thing is to make sure people are aware of how to protect themselves, others and property," said Niagara College President John Saso.

The program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness. Simultaneously, its aim is to minimize the fear of crime and to generate support for and participation in crime prevention efforts. It also aims at strengthening campus community spirit and police-campus community relations.

Some strategies implemented to reach these objectives include: promoting crime prevention education and awareness through presentations, campus media, and news media while encouraging ongoing crime prevention through environmental design, and implementing other crime prevention through programs such as Crime Stoppers, Operation Provident and Operation Identification.

The establishment of committees within the respective campus community is "by far the greatest aspect" of Campus Watch, for it is through these committees that resources within the campus communities will be dedicated to the public safety says a press release from the Niagara Regional Police.

The college has already taken steps to achieve a safe and comfortable workplace for staff, students and guests. For example, in 1991, the college launched Campus Walk, an after hours escort service.

The Welland campus is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with Barnes Security employees. The Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls has an alarm system when the facility is closed and there are security guards working during the evening hours.

The St. Catharines campus has guards working daily from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.

The Niagara College Security Committee meets on a regular basis to look for new ways to reduce crime at the college. The committee acts as an advisory body identifying safety problems at the college.

Free technical training

By KIMBERLY WALTER
Staff Writer

Eleven tuition-free courses are being offered at Niagara College this year.

The courses, sponsored by the Ministry of Skills Development, are available to graduate technicians, technologists or people with equivalent work experience.

Alan Mutch, Niagara College's development officer for technical trades training, said he believes upgrading courses is essential for workforce competitiveness.

"If we have a buzzword around here it's partnership," he said. For this type of program to work it has to benefit the employer, the employee and the college."

Mutch said over 500 people applied for 240 available spaces. Each class has 20 to 22 students. Fifty per cent of the work they do will be hands-on training.

The courses run through December. A minimum grade of 65 per cent must be met to receive a certificate.

Mutch said, "These courses benefit many tradesmen, keeping them informed and updated, constant upgrading gives the tradesmen a leading edge in today's job market.

Film students 'fun-raizing' to offset high lab expenses

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

"Fun-raizing" is what four third-year film students are doing this year, says Dave Oil, Broadcasting-Film's fundraising committee representative.

Oil, along with Tracy Bumstead, Dave Navratil, and Dave Tarnawsky, is planning to organize several "fun-raizors" for Niagara College students to help offset the high cost of the film program.

On top of student lab fees, ($800 per student this year), film students sometimes end up paying for props and sets out of their own pockets, said Oil, who added that he spent about $200 last year on various incidental fees.

All money raised by the film students will go into a fund to ensure that no student pays more than another on a given project.

Events being considered include a battle of the bands, a billiards tournament, and a pig roast. There will be raffles, 50/50 draws, and door prizes at some events. There will be cover charges to attend some events, but the committee hopes to keep the charges low, said Oil.

"There should be more social activities to bring the students closer together," he said. "With us providing more social events, everybody wins."

There are 15 students enrolled in third-year film for 1992-93.

Niagara film graduate wins award

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

A Niagara College graduate was among 19 first-prize winners of TVOntario Telefest 1992, a province-wide student broadcasting competition held last May.

Tammy McMullen, then a third-year television student, won first prize in the Long Documentary category with her video "Abuse: The Truth and Passion."

McMullen, since hired with CTV National News as an editorial assistant, was one of 160 entrants in the film, video, music video, animation, and radio competition. Twenty-six Ontario colleges and universities were represented at the awards ceremony, held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Telefest is Canada's leading student broadcasting competition. Launched in 1981 by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the competition's objective is to recognize "the creative excellence of students enrolled in television, film, radio, and broadcast journalism courses in the province's colleges and universities," Joan Gladwell, TVOntario's media contact, said in a press release.

Winners receive a plaque. As a result of her award, McMullen has received numerous invitations to address groups about child abuse and television production.

"An award like this always looks good on your portfolio," McMullen said.

Students interested in entering the 1993 Telefest competition should contact Stu Black, Broadcasting Radio, Television, and Film program co-ordinator.

Special Needs' 'Dragon' to aid disabled students

By ROGER STROOP
Staff Writer

The Special Needs Office has purchased a new device that will help physically and learning disabled students work with computers.

Called DragonDictate, it is an input card placed inside a computer that changes words spoken into a microphone into commands that the computer can understand, says Gilles Prescott, Special Needs coordinator.

The card, which works with software such as Lotus 1-2-3 and WordPerfect, will be used by students who have problems using their hands for long periods of time and students who do not have use of their hands at all. It will also be used by students who have difficulty with writing or spelling, Prescott said.

With its 80,000 word vocabulary, DragonDictate can, Prescott said, allow a student to, among other things, dictate a letter to a computer and have it come out on paper "as if (the student) had typed it."

The Special Needs Office is training the students who will be using the system. The basic training takes two hours, but additional practice is required so that the student can become more familiar with the system and vice versa, Prescott said.

The Special Needs Office is located in room number ME101, between the library and the bookstore on the Welland campus.

News publication schedule

The *Niagara News* will be published on the following Friday dates. Clip and save this information box. Letters to the Editor from the Niagara College community must be submitted by the Thursday prior to publication week. See page 4 for publication policy.

The newspaper will be distributed at all campuses on these dates for the fall term: Friday, Sept. 25; Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4. For the winter term: Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, March 19, March 26, April 9, April 23.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE

Oct. 26 vote important

Summer is over and a new school year begins. While many of us spent our holidays complaining about the weather, our federal and provincial politicians spent much of their summer dealing with Canada's constitutional crisis.

But what about our priorities? While the Canadian economy remains weak and thousands of people remain jobless, our politicians spent most of their time worrying about changing the Constitution. Politicians strive to make us realize how important these proposed constitutional changes affect our future. However, many of us tire of the discussion and debate.

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark worked hard on the unity package. A national vote will be held Oct. 26. And with the constitutional debate heating up, now is the time for all of us to find out exactly what the unity package entails.

Canadians will decide if our Constitution will change. The question on the ballot reads: "Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on August 28, 1992?"

If the majority decides yes, the Constitution will recognize Quebec as a distinct society, give aboriginals self-government, create a new Sentate with equal representation from each province, protect official-language minorities, give provinces more authority in areas from culture to housing and add a social charter to protect social programs.

The future of Canada is in our hands. Are we going to make the right decision? Is the Constitution safer in our hands or in the hands of our politicians?

It's all about priorities and what we believe is important. As we complained about the weather this summer, areas around Miami, Fla., were recently devastated by Hurricane Andrew. Hundreds of people remain homeless. In Sarajevo, in the former Yugoslavia, some people were put into concentration camps. Our peacekeeping troops were there.

Proudly, Canada is recognized as a peacekeeping country around the world.

But what if we don't make the right decision on Oct. 26? There might not be a Canada to help resolve world problems. The question is: do we care enough to keep our country together?

All of us must take an interest in the Oct. 26 vote — it's our country.

Sheri Goodman

UN confused about purpose

An interesting report came out of Sarajevo, Bosnia last week. It seems Indian Gen. Satish Nambiar, commander of United Nations peacekeeping forces in the region, accused Bosnian forces of trying to discredit the UN, after Bosnians attacked a convoy delivering supplies.

It is more clear-cut than ever the Bosnians, Serbians and Croatians don't want the peace keepers there.

How do we know this? It might be the attacks on convoys, or the snipers taking shots at soldiers. Perhaps it was the recent assault on UN headquarters in Bosnia. At any rate, the UN has clearly been unable to exercise any effective influence in the area.

UN envoy Cyrus Vance continues to issue reports stating all sides want to lay down their arms and hold peace talks, yet Bosnian and Serbian forces continue to clash in and near Sarajevo. When there are ceasefires, they are never fully effective, and 24 hours later all sides in this dispute are at it again.

Are we to believe these people want peace?

Tens of thousands of people have been slaughtered on all sides. Death camps, reminiscent of Nazi extermination camps, are scattered throughout the area, while civilians are slaughtered waiting for food. There are also reports of children being tortured and snipers picking their human targets from Sarajevo streets. No side is singularly responsible for these actions. The Bosnians, Serbians and Croatians are all guilty.

But the UN does little.

Sure, the peacekeeping force ensures food and medicine reaches the refugees, but that's not peacekeeping, that's a high-risk delivery service. Serbian, Bosnian and Croatian forces have the world laughing at the UN.

Member nations can't say they weren't warned. They were warned by history. They only need look to the Balkans' tumultuous past.

The UN's own peacekeeping commander, Maj.-Gen. Lewis Mackenzie, of Canada, who led the first wave of soldiers into the former Yugoslavia, explained the history. The Security Council has not heeded his words.

To believe nationalities who have been at each other's throats for centuries, are going to lay down their arms is unconscionable and definitely illogical.

After the success of the Persian Gulf War, the UN stood tall and gave many people hope for a new world order. The outcome gave the organization a credibility it had never seen before. However, our euophoria has subsided. The UN is once again a lame duck.

Perhaps the UN needs the military might of the United States to make its presence felt. Maybe it's time for the U.S. to hold the UN's hand once again.

If only there was oil in the Balkans.

Troy Clarke

Letters

Contract was lost

To the Editor:

On page 3 of your March 20th edition, the article entitled "Barnes Security Wins Contract" gave the unfortunate impression that Niagara College was less than satisfied with the service provided by Ensign Security and its staff. I would like to affirm that Niagara College was indeed satisfied with the service that Ensign Security provided to the college over the last 25 years. However, the tendering process requires that a number of factors be taken into account in awarding contracts and, unfortunately for Ensign Security, its cost was higher than that of the successful bidder.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to Ensign for the very professional manner in which the firm performed its security responsibilities on behalf of Niagara College over the years.

Sincerely yours,
John T. Saso
President

Patience needed

To the Editor:

We know that the parking situation at the beginning of the academic year can be very difficult, particularly in the middle of the day. It is our hope that our students will be patient and bear with us until the situation is resolved.

It is unfortunate that construction of the new parking lot was delayed due to inclement weather and we hope that its completion will now help to alleviate the problems.

Please do not park illegally or on the grass or any unsurfaced area.

Thank you.

John Saso
President

Red Cross celebrates 60th

To the Editor:

The Welland and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. To mark this occasion, two events are planned to which the public is invited.

An anniversary dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23, at Club Social, 810 East Main St. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased from the branch office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. until Sept. 28.

An open house will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Welland office, 593 King St.

As part of both events, we will exhibit memorabilia from the early years of the Red Cross Society. If anyone has items which would enhance this display, we would appreciate your contacting the branch office at 734-4283.

We cordially invite the public at large and especially all members and supporters, past and present, to join us in our celebration.

Sincerely,
Joyce Noren,
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PERSPECTIVES

After Hours needs new 'atmosphere'

By BRIAN LAFANTAISIE
Staff Writer

Niagara College's new pub, After Hours, opened two years ago with great expectations. The thought of drinking on campus and having a place for only students to gather sounded appealing. Although the school was acting in the best interests of the students, I feel the pub to many, is a disappointment.

The appearance of After Hours is new and clean, but the place has a general feeling of emptiness. Although there is a video screen, pool tables, a juke box, and numerous tables and chairs, there is a lack of decor which denies the pub any resemblance to that of a real bar. The best comparison that can be made is to a high school dance. Furthermore, to contribute to this pre-college, adolescent feel, there are many video game junkies and "wanabe" pool sharks who inhabit the building every minute of the day.

To be considered a pub, I feel After Hours needs the right atmosphere, the right people, and the right look. After Hours has none of these.

When the design of the building was being discussed, the planners must have overlooked the fact the majority of people do not smoke. The main complex is designed for smokers. This area includes the bar and all entertainment. If you happen to be a non-smoker, you must sit in a separate area of the building, which is one-quarter the size. However, this area does make for a good study hall, but studying tends to defeat the purpose of going to a pub.

If After Hours is to be fair, they should divide the main building into two equal areas. Smokers could continue to smoke while non-smokers should be able to enjoy themselves without being repulsed by cigarette smoke and dirty ash trays.

The mentality of the college is to treat students as though they were still in high school. The bar's limited serving hours tells the students that they are not old enough to make their own responsible decisions. The theory of the college is if the pub is open all day, then the students will skip classes to go drink. However, students are adults and should be treated that way. There will be some students who will skip classes to go to the pub, but these are people whose hearts aren't in their work; with or without the sale of alcohol, these students will do poorly.

As it stands to date, the serving hours are from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. I feel it would be more logical for the bar to open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. This would prevent students from going elsewhere off campus to drink, limiting the number of students drinking and driving and creating profit for the school.

After Hours, in general, is a plus for students. Rather than gathering in the school or flocking to the cafeteria, many students now have another alternative. Although it has so far been a disappointment, it will most likely improve over the years with the help of student involvement and college co-operation.

After one year of operation, students are still unsure if the facility is a worthy investment.
Photo by Brian Lafantaisie

Info overload dulls senses

By TROY CLARKE
Staff Writer

Why are there so few heroes left in the world? Yes, I know the people who risk their lives to save others are heroes, and their bravery is unquestioned, but why are there no more Billy Bishops, Shoeless Joe Jacksons or Thomas Edisons left in the world?

The gospel according to me is a simple one: over saturation.

During the First World War, Billy Bishop flew around in his Sopwith Camel engaged in dogfights with German aces. Canadians couldn't wait to get their hands on a copy of a newspaper to read about his achievements. That doesn't happen any more. Does anyone remember any of the names of the pilots shot down over Iraq and Kuwait? I'll give you a minute to think about it. Give up? Me too. I lost all those details along with the rest of the information thrown at me during the Persian Gulf War.

Just turn on CNN, watch a war live, while the networks shell us with military analysts, data and predictions on the outcome. And we love it. I thrive on it. I couldn't tear myself away from the television during January 1991. You know how it is, sitting at your favorite watering hole, making predictions, telling them how you would do it.

The focus should be on the men and women fighting the war. What would they do? What are they doing? They are the Billy Bishops.

I obviously never had the chance to see Shoeless Joe Jackson play baseball, yet I know he was one of the game's greatest players. People mobbed Comiskey Park in Chicago, sat by their radios and read the box scores to see and hear of his exploits. People had no other way of knowing. Youngsters could be heard telling their parents they wanted to be just like Shoeless Joe.

But Joe had his bad days. He went 0 for four, struck out three times in a game and made errors. People didn't see or hear about it, and those who did either ignored or forgave him. And Shoeless Joe didn't earn $3 million a season.

Those days are gone.

These are the days of big salaries. Players like Jose Canseco, Cecil Fielder and Bobby Bonilla make millions of dollars a season. And when they play poorly, you hear about it. Today's fans see and hear all. On any given night, you can watch baseball. In the age of the satellite dish, more than 575 games are broadcast each season. If you miss one game, you can catch the highlights on the news. No excuses, right. None for the players either. We watch them come to the plate night after night and not get a hit. He becomes the perennial bum. We're frustrated because he's not helping the team, he's frustrated because he knows we're frustrated. Bonilla is on the verge of being run out of New York. And how about Kelly Gruber? They will never be my heroes.

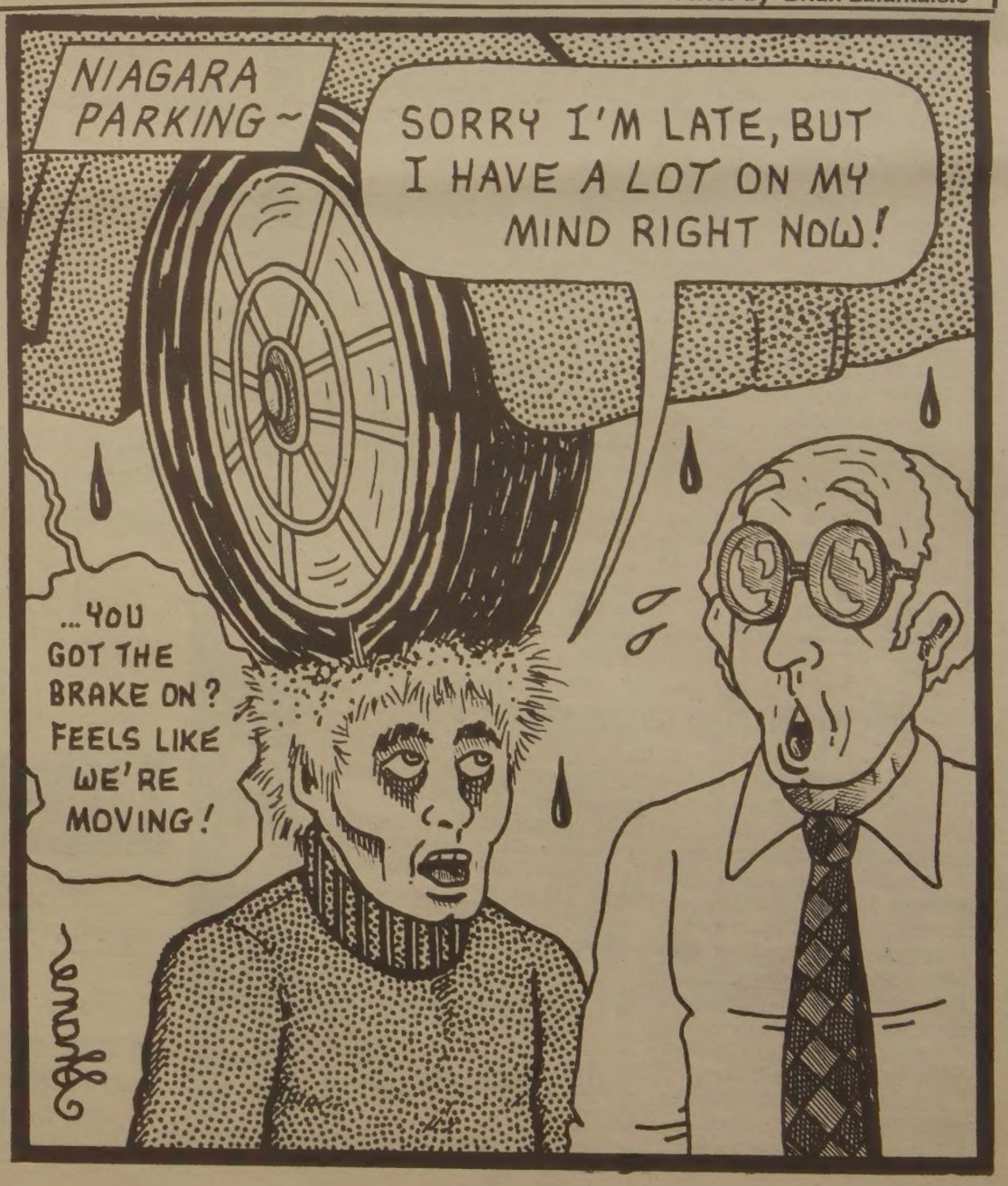
But what about the everyday things we take for granted like light bulbs? Who invented them?

We all use them. They light up our lives, and we have Thomas Edison to thank. This we know, yet I couldn't tell you who invented the microwave oven, and I depend on it on a daily basis. It probably wasn't the creation of any one person. There are so many corporations out there churning out new products, and we don't know who is responsible for what. I would like to know who is responsible for the technology that allows me to split my television screen in half, enabling me to watch a war and the baseball game at the same time.

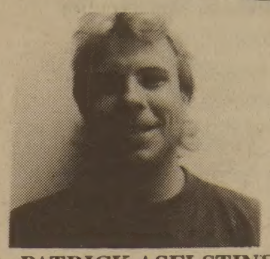
I couldn't list all the names, and if I could there wouldn't be enough space in the newspaper.

Heroes. We need them.

With all the things happening in the world today, it would be nice to have the Billy Bishops, Joe Jacksons and Thomas Edisions to look up to.



College spirit missing in action



By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Niagara College students in past years have never been known to have an overabundance of school spirit. This academic year doesn't figure to be much different. Unfortunately, most people who discount school spirit are missing the point and forgetting why colleges exist.

Most learning institutions with strong spirit rely heavily on factors such as academics, alumni, athletics and alcohol to instil within students a sense of pride.

Unfortunately, athletics appear to be the most influential factor in determining how much pride a particular group of students feel toward their school.

However, many have unrealistic expectations of what a school should be, based in part on comparisons with major U.S. colleges or Canadian universities.

People see frenzied students at college bowl games on national television and wonder why their school can't be like that.

U.S. schools that offer athletic scholarships do so mainly for financial reasons. Short-term investments of scholarships for a few hundred athletes reap huge rewards for schools able to produce winning sports teams. However, many schools lose focus of their purpose in the process.

Schools such as Nevada-Las Vegas, Oklahoma, Southern Methodist and Kentucky have recently had to deal with scandals ranging from recruiting violations and illegal payments to players, to drugs and violence. Only recently are we realizing just how large the problem has become at some schools.

There's nothing wrong with schools earning money through athletics so that students benefit. But too often those institutions use unscrupulous tactics in order to gain the upper hand athletically. Much of the money gained through these methods never reaches the students.

While many of the great U.S. college sports powers are also academically superior schools, their exploiting and marketing of "student athletes" shouldn't be looked on as a source for pride.

However, students would be correct for feeling proud of their school because of its high moral and academic standards along with its involvement within the community.

There are many students who are proud of their school for such reasons. They, most likely, are the people who will use what they learn in school and lead productive, happy lives.

Schools such as Niagara College arguably produce more graduates with marketable skills than universities. There are many university graduates with $20,000 student loans who can't find a job in a field even remotely related to their expertise.

There are many successful Niagara College graduates in the area. You needn't look any further than the college itself. Many of Niagara's instructors are graduates of the school.

Complaining about how lousy this college is not only perpetuates the myth that the school is inferior, but it is also a knock against the individual with the gripe. You are doing yourself an injustice attending a particular school if you don't think it measures up.

If it's sports you're interested in, attend a Niagara College hockey or basketball game. If it's a certain type of social activity you are after, that's not difficult to find either.

If, however, it's a good education you're concerned about, look around, maybe even take the time to find out a little about your school. You might be surprised to find it's not so bad. In fact, it's quite good.

Some wise person once said, "You only get out of life what you put into it." That phrase remains true with regard to education, school spirit, and life.

So the next time you are thinking about putting your school down, maybe you should stop and think. Think of why you're actually in school and also about what you've done to contribute to your school's spirit. Simply complaining about the situation won't help. Doing something positive will.

'Garbage not just waste' environmentally speaking

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer.

The centre for environmental training "is pioneering new areas in terms of training and education in waste management," says general manager Jon Ogryzlo.

The centre, located at the Foster Wheeler building in Thorold, is affiliated with Niagara College's Ventures program and is responsible for the training, education, and research in waste management.

Students attracted to a career in environmental change, can receive post-secondary and certification training in management and technological positions at the centre.

The centre provides training not only to students, but to companies that need to develop a superior waste reduction program, and to area municipalities that need improvement in waste management systems.

The centre has developed "an interesting program" for post-diploma, post-degree, or experienced environmental students called the Waste Management Co-ordinator Program. Sponsored by the Niagara Industrial Training Advisory Corporation, the program incorporates the skills necessary for a management position in the development of superior waste reduction in commercial, industrial and institutional fields.

The program combines management skills with the knowledge and awareness of environmental waste management. This adult training program is designed to "shift the attitude of waste to resource," said Ogryzlo.

"People need to understand that garbage is not just waste anymore; it's a product that someone else can use," he said. "The idea behind many off the centre's courses is to change the attitude that garbage is a useless waste."

The Waste Management Co-ordinator Program involves training in environmental technical preparation, environmental laws and regulations, waste minimization, communication, energy management, operations management, and much more. A graduate of the 32-week program will not only have the ability to communicate and manage people, but will also be technically prepared to have an impact on any company's waste management.

Vaccination clinic

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

An influenza vaccination clinic will be held at Niagara College's health clinic next month. The clinic is open for staff and students with high medical risks.

The vaccination is to "protect those who have already been compromised," said Carolyn Hurst, college nurse.

Anyone who has a disease which weakens the body's ability to fight infections should receive the vaccination each fall, she said, adding it's not necessary for people "with normal immune systems to receive the vaccine."

Influenza is a viral disease which is highly contagious. Influenza and pneumonia kill 5,000 Canadians each year. A yearly vaccination is the most important measure for reducing the impact of influenza viruses.

New language program

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

A new language training program is coming to Niagara College.

Canada Employment is sponsoring the Labor Market Language Training program as part of the federal government's 1991-1995 immigration plan, aimed at training new Canadians in the skills they need to compete in Canada's labor market.

The program replaces a 24-week course previously available.

Canada Employment will select clients for the program, which may just "open it up for private trainers," says Marti Jurmain, director of the college's Access Division.

The program will start within the next month and will be held at the St. Catharines campus on Wellandvale Road.

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Sexual assault centre assists victims

By KARLA SCHINDEL
Staff Writer

Although sexually abused at the age of six, Beth (not her real name) wasn't able to recall the experience until seven years later.

At 13, Beth remembers playfully wrestling with an older man who lived next door. With him she was suddenly stricken with an overwhelming terror, but did not know why. Then the memories came flashing back. Beth's abuser was the father of her two best playmates.

She remembers the night she slept over at her friend's home. She had been soundly sleeping when the 35-year-old man entered her room. Beth woke up to find him in bed with her.

"I didn't know who it was at first, but then I smelled the alcohol on his breath, and I knew. All I remember is him on top of me. The next day I went home and took a shower and never thought of it again," she said.

The terrifying memory that the man who raped Beth at six was the same man who wrestled with her at 13, came back to her with shattering clarity. Frightened and confused, Beth kept every troubled feeling to herself. Now an adult, Beth is angry.

"I couldn't remember and now I can't forget."

There was a time in the Niagara Peninsula when survivors of sexual assault had no means of seeking counselling other than with their family doctor or with a psychologist.

But in 1977, a group of women identified the need for a more concentrated counselling service in their community and created the Committee Against Rape and Sexual Assault. These women, all volunteers, dedicated their time and their energy to various fund-rasing activities so the committee could buy supplies.

Now known as the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre, it moved from Niagara Falls to James Street, St. Catharines in September 1990.

"We are now wheelchair accessible and in much larger offices," Mae Harry, executive director of the centre, said.

The new offices also offer security. A surveillance camera is posted outside the main door to monitor who is coming into the centre. Only when the person entering is identified is the door unlocked.

Since the move to St. Catharines there has been a dramatic increase in clientele. Harry attributes the jump to the fact the centre is more visible in the community.

"We did a lot of advertising when we moved to let people know we're out there," she said. "People are coming from all over the Niagara Peninsula."

A 24-hour crisis intervention line at the centre is a valuable resource for those who need immediate counselling or for those who would rather not meet with a counsellor. It is one of many programs available.

One of its newer additions is a multicultural program which was established last September. The program's goal is to work with immigrant women and women of color.

This operation works with the interpreter access program which provides translation services. These two services ensure that all women have access to the centre and its varied programs.

This year's focus is on anti-racism. The policy is implemented by attempting to have "representation on the board and staff by the various cultural communities being served," Harry said.

Pamphlets are provided in Spanish, Polish, Italian and French languages. Further need assessments will be done next year to determine which communities need services.

Public education is another centre of attention. Workers are sent to area schools to provide information to youths and adolescents regarding sexual abuse, assault, how to prevent it and attitudes surrounding it.

It is important, however, that this education be done at home as well. In a recent survey, college men were asked whether they would commit sexual assault if they were certain they could get away with it. Almost half replied yes.

"This shows we have a long way to go and it has to start at home!" Harry said.

Implementing new programs and maintaining old ones is a group effort comprised of 12 paid staff and 90 volunteers.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our organization," she said.

Volunteers at the centre must be 18 years of age and attend a 14-week training program. Once trained, these women take care of such items as going to the hospital when a woman has reported a rape, escorting survivors to court when necessary, and answering calls on the crisis intervention line.

It is through the Niagara Region Sexual Assault Centre that Beth has been able to get the counselling and support she has needed for so many years.

"You were encouraged to express yourself during discussions. This brough back a lot of painful memories I had blocked out."

Beth said many of the emtional exercises were hard, but they helped her face the abuse head on.

"They knew exactly what I needed to hear," Beth said.

She attended a group program for adult survivors of incest and sexual assault.

Although Beth describes her journey as a painful one, it is one she said she feels will lead her from victim to survivor.

That is what, Harry explains, keeps the counsellors at the centre going day after day — one more survivor.

College hosts 125 art show

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Canada 125 Committee is hosting a heritage showcase Oct. 17 entitled Reflections of a Proud Canada.

The day-long, family event will feature historical and art displays from the Art Gallery of Ontario and the McMichael Collection, as well as from local museums and artists.

There will be several afternoon workshops,including readings from Canadian children's literature for youngsters, and an historical walking tour of downtown Welland in the evening.

The showcase is intended to be "an educational cultural event that reflects the history of Canada," says committee member Barb Okanik. "We're not just out to put on a pretty show."

The show will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Black Walnut building, Welland campus.

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First Canadian winner

Niagara grad Mr. North America '93

By KAREN KRANJAC
Staff Writer

And the winner is . . . a Canadian? This is unusual for the annual Mr. North America Contest held in the United States. In previous years, Canadians were not allowed to participate in this competition primarily based on scholastic abilities.

This year's winner was a 1989 graduate of Niagara College. Daniel Lavigne, 26, graduate of the General College program, said he was proud to have won.

"I went for the experience as a public speaker," said Lavigne, a blue-eyed blond.

"It was shocking for me to have won, out of 26 contestants," since he hadn't any previous modelling experience in competitions of that nature, said Lavigne, as he adoringly held his 13-month-old son, Corey.

Lavigne said this competition has great significance in the U.S. and that he was not used to the attention or signing autographs at the airport when he arrived.

"It's a neat feeling."

When Faces International, a Toronto-based talent agency, entered Lavigne into the contest, it was "shocking to me" since he had not considered entering. The competition took place in Scottsdale, Ariz. in August for the 1993 position of Mr. North America. Lavigne won because he represents "the American image."

Lavigne was judged on the areas of personal interview, formal wear and swim wear. The judges also considered poise, personality, intelligence, charm, handsomeness and communication skills.

If the interview is done poorly then the competition is lost because it isn't based purely on looks, said Lavigne as he nervously fidgeted with his wedding ring.

"In preparation for the competition I had to bring certain types of clothes, but they supplied the Speedo (swimsuit) since I didn't have one," he said with a smile. "It was uncomfortable wearing a Speedo since they aren't popular in Canada."

Lavigne won a $3,000 scholarship to any Canadian or American university of his choice, a one-year contract with Robert Black, a top agent in the U.S., a $1,000 leather jacket, a videotape of the competition, a day at a spa, a sports watch, a medallion, and a photo shoot.

Outside of travelling across the U.S., Lavigne is employed at the Welland County Hospital as a quality assurance risk manager. He also owns a business called Quality Decks and Driveways, in Welland, "which takes up most of my time." But, when there is time to spare he can be found playing the guitar or various sports.

Josie Lavigne, his wife, was in Arizona with him throughout the competition. Lavigne said she is not the jealous type and she handled all of his publicity well.

"Right after I won they brought me over to the side for interviewing and Josie was glowing on the side," said the five-foot 10-inch Lavigne.

The atmosphere at the contest was competitive, but Lavigne was "just happy to have experienced the whole thing."

The judges were Robert Black, Michele Butin, director of Star Search, Brian Chambers, director of *Pageantry Magazine*, Angela Phoenix, manager of minority relations for Dial Corporation and Guy Gabriel Coscas, a French-restaurant owner.

Mr. North America 1993, Daniel Lavigne, with his wife, Josie. Lavigne is a Niagara College graduate from the General College program 1989.

Photo by Jacquie Butler

Audience enjoys band

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

Students at After Hours' presentation of King Apparatus on Sept. 15 were treated to a huge, live dose of ska. The band won this year's CASBY (Canadian Artists Selected By You) award for favorite ska/reggae band.

About 150 concert-goers packed the Student Centre on a Tuesday afternoon to eat, drink, and dance their way through the band's 1/-1/2 hour long set, the Centre's first show of the year.

"If the 75 or 100 people who were there were thrilled, then I've done my job," said Steve Berketo, Student Administrative Council's vice-president of social affairs. "I'm sorry the other 100 people who could have attended didn't." The centre's maximum capacity is about 250 people.

For those who missed it, Chris Murray, vocalist and lyricist for Toronto-based King Apparatus, defines their sound: "A useful description is it's quick reggae."

The band members grew up listening to punk, new wave, "whatever was out there," and claim the music they heard in high school influenced them.

"I think any band that plays ska and reggae is influenced by Bob Marley," said Murray. "He was a great songwriter."

At the band's genesis, five years ago in London, Ont., they were more reggae-oriented and performed more cover songs.

Eventually, the band's focus turned to ska and they began recording their own songs. "We've chosen ska as something to do, and we're very focused in that direction," he said.

They've just released a video for "Five Good Reasons," the latest track from their self-titled debut album, and there will be a CD single out for "Hospital Waiting Room" including some previously unreleased tracks available in November. In December they start recording for a spring release and have tentative plans for a European tour in early 1993.

King Apparatus is Brian Christopher on drums, Mitch Girio on bass, Paul Ruston and Sam Tallo on guitar, and Murray.

Festival parade goes live

T.V. tradition
21st year

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Don't mess with a good thing.

That could be the catchphrase for Niagara College's Television Broadcasting program, whose third-year students will be filming the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival Parade in St. Catharines for the 21st year in a row this weekend.

The broadcast will air live on Maclean-Hunter Cable in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Welland, Fort Erie, and Port Colborne at 11 a.m. tomorrow. The parade will be re-broadcast at various times.

The television crew includes 14 third-year students, who will be graded on their enthusiasm, attitude, and dedication to the project. Two students, chosen through auditions, will act as hosts and commentators. Others will be conducting interviews with spectators.

Alysha Henderson, a television instructor and executive producer of the project, said she is looking forward to the broadcast, her first with the college. "When you're going live, there's a lot of adrenalin flowing," she said. "Any number of things can happen."

This year's parade is expected to last about three hours.

Rodman Hall Gallery Open

Rodman Hall in St. Catharines is showing the works of Gerhard Richter: Helga Matura and Catherine Widgery "Collective Amnesia" until Oct. 4.

The gallery viewing is free but a donation is asked for at the door.

There are a variety of other elements available such as guest lectures, art classes, children's theatre, guided tours, and film series.

The next available adult art class starts Sept. 30 and runs for 10 weeks. There is a $130 cost to non-members, which includes basic materials for those wishing to take the art course. It will be a beginners drawing class taught by Ann Pineault, a Brock University graduate who received the Odessa Award for sculpture in 1991.

Morrissey plays the Gardens

By JENNIFER BARR
Staff Writer

More than 15,000 fans gathered at Maple Leaf Gardens last week to see Morrissey perform his Your Arsenal tour.

Morrissey, formerly known as the singer for the Smiths, delivered one of his better performances, singing such songs as You're the One for Me Fatty and Everyday is Like Sunday.

The one hour and 40 minute concert had many in the crowd dancing on their chairs while security dragged off the many fans who leaped onto stage. "The Morrissey show was a brilliant array of music," said Pete Rawsthorne, 25, a second-year broadcasting student from Niagara College.

Morrissey said he "hoped security wasn't hurting them, but the security is here for your own safety."

Gallen Drunk, an English band from Camden, England opened the show. The band's first album was released in February 1992 going top 75 in the Gallup chart and number one in the Indie charts. The band's second album will be released next month.

Morrissey's North American tour will continue throughout October closing in Hollywood, Calif. on Oct. 11. Their next performance in Canada will take place on Oct. 5 at the Pacific National Exhibition Forum in Vancouver, B.C.

On the road again

By MELANIE WORONCHAK
Staff Writer

Niagara College's travelling man is hitting the road again. Last week, Dennis Malone, director of International Education, left on a recruitment campaign to Japan and Taiwan.

He will be attending school fairs and visiting schools in both countries. Malone is promoting the college's English as a Second Language program.

"I've been overseas three times," he said. "It is absolutely exhausting." Paraphrasing the movie character Indiana Jones, he stated: "It is not the years it is the miles."

Currently one per cent of the approximate 4,750 full-time students at Niagara are from other countries. In the future, Malone said he would like to see the figure as high as five per cent.

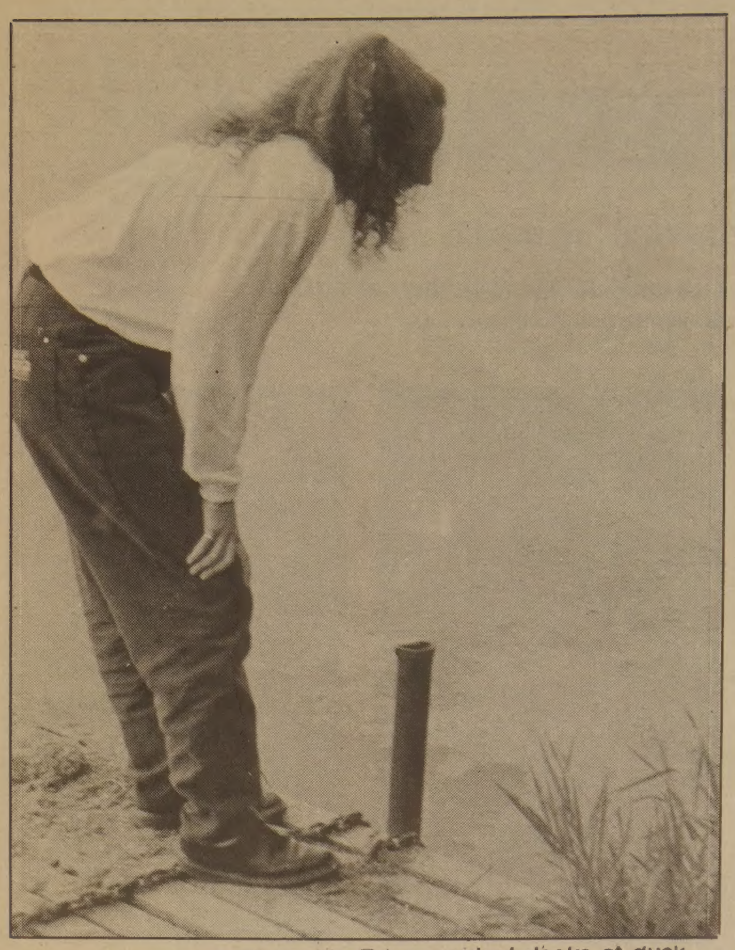
"Going global" is the latest catch phrase in the department of International Education, which has two other staff members working at bringing new international students to the college. Foreign students bring increased revenue to the peninsula, Malone said.

The department was established in May and is located in Hennepin Hall. Only a handful of colleges across Ontario have designated departments of International Education to recruit students from abroad.

Four of the 30 colleges at the school fairs in Japan and Taiwan are from Ontario.

Malone has been working for the past two years through the department of English and Articulation on International Affairs.

He will be returning to Niagara on Oct. 9.



Bridget Prevost, a Riverside Drive resident, looks at duckweed, a tiny weed which grows in stagnant water of the Welland River.

Photo by Sheri Goodman

Duckweed on river

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Students returning to Niagara College after the summer may have noticed the green slime on the Welland River. It isn't slime it's duckweed; a type of weed which grows in stagnant water.

The weed has never been as thick as it was this summer, says Bob Lewies, a biologist at the Ministry of Natural Resources office in Pelham. He has been in the area for 15 years. "There has always been some duckweed on the river, but this year is exceptional."

"It doesn't look like the river anymore. Now it looks like a swamp," said Bridget Prevost, who has lived by the river for 19 years. "I have never seen it (duckweed) in the river before."

Prevost uses the river for canoeing. This summer, she canoed only a few times because the weed covered the river's surface most of the season.

Lewies said the reason for the increased growth, is the water contains the right amount of nutrients and water currents. The wet weather is also a major contributing factor to the rapid growth of duckweed.

Duckweeds are tiny, flowering plants which grow on ponds and stagnant streams, according to Webster's New World Dictionary Second College Edition. It is eaten by ducks and thereby given the name duckweed.

"Some (ducks) may eat it, but not as many as the name implies," Lewies said.

Other organisms which feed on duckweed are fish such as carp and blood suckers. Bottom feeder fish will eat the weed after it has decomposed and sunk to the river's bottom.

Duckweed adds oxygen to the water which benefits the fish. At night the weed uses up oxygen. However, it produces more oxygen than it uses it up.

The negative aspect of the weed growing in the river, is that the decomposition process uses up oxygen as it rots, said Lewies.

The smell is probably a combination of duckweed and other weeds rotting along with the humidity, he said.

"Mother Nature will control it herself," said Lewies, adding that nothing needs to be done to control the growth.

The weed will die over the course of the winter and will only grow next year if the weather, nutrients and water currents "are just right."

Library location change for Audio-Visual Centre

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

It's like "one-stop shopping," says Helen Kovacs, a staff member at the Learning Resource Centre.

She is referring to the fact the audio-visual section in the Learning Resource Centre is now in a new, more accessible location.

The department, which includes more than 4,000 videos, 300 films and 175 slide sets as well as televisions and video cassette recorders, is located next to the circulation desk at the front of the Centre. It has traded places with the Career Library, which is now on the second level of the Centre at the back of the room.

Faculty and students will find it "more convenient" to use the audio-visual centre in its new location, said Sandy Brooks, another member of the Centre's staff. Before the move, those who borrowed televisions had to return them to the back of the Centre where the door was sometimes locked.

United Way has set goal

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

Vacation draws and a giant Earth Ball will help Niagara College reach its 1992 United Way campaign goal of $25,000 starting Oct. 5 and running six weeks until Nov. 14.

"The campaign consolidates fund-raising for the community," said Jon Ogryzlo, Niagara College's United Way Campaign co-ordinator. "There are 80 plus groups that are helped in the Niagara region."

Some of those groups include Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Multiple Sclerosis Society, Meals on Wheels and more.

The college has been involved in the campaign for over a decade and arranges fund-raising events for students and faculty. Last year's campaign total was $24,600.

"A major contributor to the campaign total is the draw for staff," said Ogryszo.

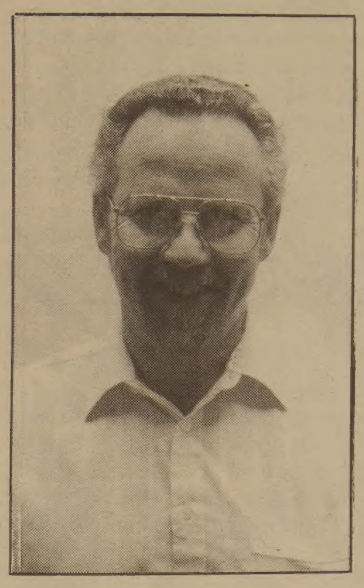
Each staff member donates money to the campaign and their name is put into a draw. If the staff member's name is drawn they win a week vacation. Other draw prizes include four-, three-, and two-day vacations.

The Earth Ball challenge is an event for all faculty and students. Teams of 10 or more people compete in what seems to be a soccer game with a giant ball. The object is to push, throw, or roll the ball into the other team's net. Each member pays $1 to $2 to join the team. Last years teams raised $220 for the campaign.

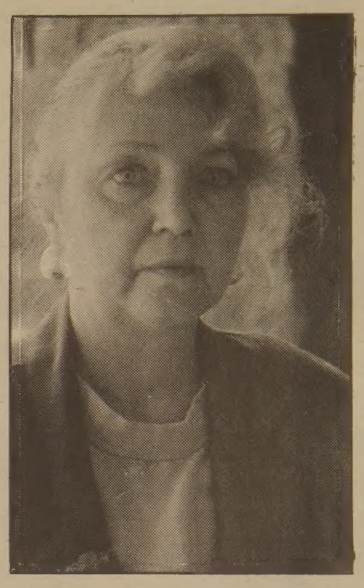
NIAGARA SPEAKS

Question: Should faculty have a designated smoking area?

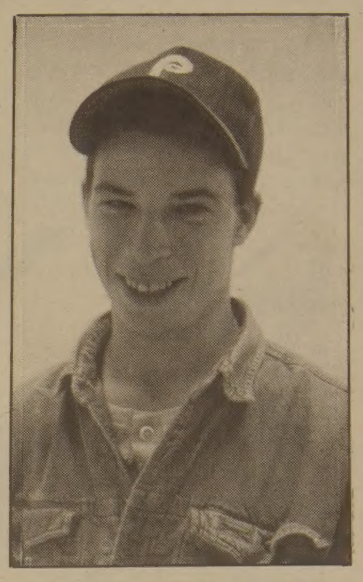
Niagara's College Council is investigating the possibility of having a lounge, at each campus, where faculty can smoke. The Niagara News asked staff and students how they felt about the possibility.



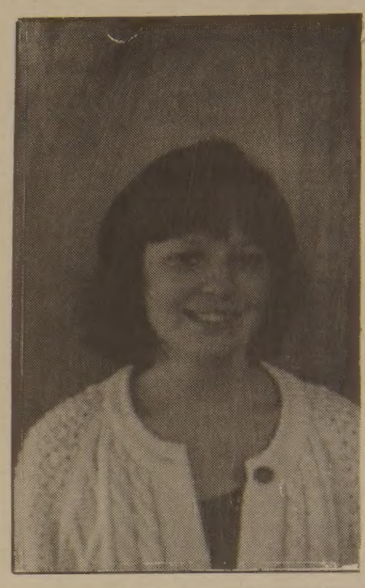
Gary Webb, English co-ordinator at Niagara College said, "It doesn't seem very fair. It should be open to faculty and students. There could be a smoking area inside. The problem, of course, is cost."



Terri Smith, a first-year Tourism and Attractions program student, said she believes everyone should have to smoke outside. "This is a new campus that should be kept clean and I am completely for air control, so there shouldn't be a place to smoke for anyone."



Adam Hamilton, a first-year Business and Accounting student, said he believes staff needs a place to smoke, but "they should stop crying, they're giving me a soaker, so what if it's too cold outside to smoke."



Shannon Richardson, a first-year Health Care Aide student, who doesn't smoke said she thinks a staff lounge for smoking would be unfair. "If it's good enough for the teacher, it should be good enough for the students.

"If it's good enough for them, it's good enough for us," says Peggy Gramatovich, a first-year Health Care Aide program student. "I think any place should have a designated smoking area."

Niagara Speaks is written from the files of Karen Kranjac, Troy Clarke and Karla Schindel.

Racism displays ignorance

Viewpoint

By DARIUS SOKAL
Staff Writer

With the Los Angeles riots ignited by the Rodney King verdict still fresh in our memories, race problems are again a major issue in the news. (When are they not?)

From the Klu-Klux Klan rallies in North America to the weekly clashes between neo-nazi groups and non-racists in "reunified" Germany, it's clear that not much has changed since the early days of slavery.

Racism comes in many forms and intensities, but all types show a selfish ignorance which not only hurts a specific group of people, but retards the progress of an entire nation.

The next time you make a racist comment or chuckle at a person's accent behind their back, you are actually showing your cowardice.

The fear and uneasiness felt upon entering a strange, new environment can be an incredible distraction from one's studies. The students who overcome the obstacles of language, culture, appearance, religion and solitude should be commended for their bravery and perseverance, not secretly ridiculed by childish whispers and giggles. It takes a lot more courage to stand up and ask a question in class when you can't speak the language as well as others than it does to laugh at someone.

Are we, as humans, really that sick and weak that we can't find a secure relationship with one another?

Caterer celebrates one year

By KIM MORPHEW
Staff Writer

Recession. Time to tighten the belt and save up for a long winter, right? Wrong, says young businessman Darren Denington.

Operating Service With Style, a catering and take-out business at 5824 Main St. in Niagara Falls, Ont. Denington celebrated the first-year anniversary of his small business on Sept. 11. Since opening, his clientele has grown and his menu now includes several choices for all types of lifestyles.

Despite the economic slump, Denington said business is "great." Although not making a large profit he is able to cover expenses and "even save a little." He described his success by saying he "cares for each and every customer."

At his one-year anniversary celebration about 130 people, including Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson, showed up to celebrate the occasion.

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It's now or never for Cito's Blue Jays

By DENNIS FAST
Staff Writer

This is the year the Toronto Blue Jays will win the World Series, or so everyone thinks.

But I disagree.

For the last seven years, Toronto fans, sportswriters and oddsmakers have dreamed and predicted the Jays would win the fall classic only to end up disappointed.

Toronto won its first American League East Division title in 1985, and ever since has been the team to beat — or so everyone thought. The Jays had a three games to one lead in the American League Championship Series, only to lose the next three games and the ALCS to the Kansas City Royals. The Jays have lost either the division or the league championship three other times in close battles.

Many people believe the outcome will be different this year. In an effort to improve their chances in 1992, the Jays acquired Jack Morris, David Cone and Dave Winfield. Cone, and especially Morris, are playoff performers, but Winfield will have to prove his one hit in 22 at bats in the 1981 World Series was just a fluke.

If the Jays fail again this year, there could be big roster changes in 1993. Joe Carter, Jimmy Key, Cone and Tom Henke are free agents at the end of the season. The Jays already have one of the highest payrolls in baseball and will not want to re-sign all four players. Carter is having an MVP-type year and can demand a yearly salary in the $6-million range. Carter is a must sign, but with the off year Key is having, he will probably not be back. Cone is a quality starter who will demand a big contract, but the Jays will need another good starter for next year. Henke and Duane Ward provide the club with one of the best one-two punches out of the bullpen in baseball, but the Jays might be able to get by with just Ward.

The Jays cannot worry about who they will re-sign until their season is over. Toronto looks like a lock to win the AL East this year, but they will have to face the tough Oakland A's for the ALCS. The Jays lost to the A's in 1989, so they will have revenge as a motivating factor. But will that be enough?

The Jays have run out of excuses and chances. This HAS to be their year. If the Jays fail again a major overhaul is the answer. Manager Cito Gaston and Roberto Alomar's favorite coach Gene Tenace will be dismissed and don't be surprised if the club pulls off another major deal including Todd Stottlemyre and Derek Bell. The 1993 Blue Jays team will have some new faces should the Jays choke — and they will.

Niagara campaigning to sell image

By HENRY MALUNDA, and NICK PHILLIPS
Staff Writers

An all-out campaign aimed at selling Niagara College's services and image to the community is under way through the Department of Marketing and Communications.

The department, whose main responsibility is to "share information about the college," unveiled four main strategies: The print media through the academic calendar, program brochures and others; video productions facilitated by the Media Services Department; tours to a selected number of secondary schools by the department's liaison officers, and the bi-annual Open House showcases to be held at the various college campuses.

The program is reflected in the college's operational calendar. The main activities span the entire academic year starting with a tour of Centennial Secondary School in Welland by the two liaison officers Monique Morin and Randy Conlon on Oct. 15.

Similar tours are targeted at Westlane Secondary School in Niagara Falls on Thursday, Oct. 15, and Grimsby Secondary School on Friday, Oct. 16.

The department remains open to any requests for campus tours arranged well in advance.

Morin and Conlon are alumni of the college in Business-Sales and Journalism-Print respectively. The two are the liaison officers under the driving force of Lyn Russo, Director of Marketing and Communications Services — a 1971 graduate of the college in Journalism, Advertising and Publications.

The grand "come-and-see-for-yourself" Explore Niagara Open House is expected to draw busloads of curious high school students to the Welland campus on Wednesday, Oct. 21. More showcases are slated for the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls on Wednesday, Nov. 25, and at the Horticulture Centre in St. Catharines on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21, 1993.

The department wraps up its main promotional campaign with the Spring Open House, another "come-and-see-for-yourself" to be held at the Welland campus on Sunday, April 4, 1993.

jobsOntario*Capital*

No money for Niagara

By SHERI GOODMAN
Staff Writer

Niagara wasn't one of six Ontario colleges to receive money from jobsOntario*Capital*.

JobsOntario*Capital* is a multi-year program. It is designed to support the renewal of research, development and training facilities of colleges and universities in Ontario, a press release stated.

Projects are submitted by colleges; jobsOntario*Capital* will select certain projects for funding. Over the next three years, $62.9 million will be invested to renew college and university facilities.

JobsOntario*Capital* is in addition to the regular $100-million allocation for colleges and universities from this year's budget. It is a part of a five year, $2.3-billion capital program designed to create jobs, aid in restructuring and promote community and social progress.

In early July, a "fast track round" was held to get the program "up and running" by October, said Ken Decker of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, grants administration board.

The six colleges receiving allocations, he said, were: $1.4 million to Canador, $20 million to Durham, $4 million to Lampton, $6 million to Mohawk, and a joint allocation of $7 million was given to St. Lawrence and La Cite' collegialle in Cornwall.

Further announcements are expected. He said, Niagara College's Master Plan fits into the criteria of the jobsOntario*Capital* program and he hopes it will be accepted.

"We would like to see it considered by the Treasury; in the end it's the Treasury that decides," Decker said.

Campuses feel 'isolated'

By KATHERINE AGNEW
Staff Writer

The relationship between the campuses at Niagara College needs improving, says 21-year-old Jeff McColl, president of the Hospitality and Tourism council in Niagara Falls.

The smaller campuses are feeling like their own separate schools, cut off and divorced from the Welland campus, he said.

McColl said students in Niagara Falls feel isolated from the Welland campus. He cited the example of last spring's Student Administrative Council election when none of the current SAC members campaigned in Niagara Falls.

The issue of money also concerns the president of the Hospitality and Tourism council.

All college students in Niagara Falls pay $26.50 as part of their tuition fees towards the student centre, After Hours, in Welland. "A lot of our students here are from out of town and they can't get to Welland," said McColl. "They should do a geographical analysis to determine who is actually using the student centre."

The students in Niagara Falls would like a badminton net and couches in their student centre, he said.

Asked if there are any plans to bring the campuses together, Christine Sorensen, vice-president of external affairs, said a blood donor clinic is being organized in November. "If there is enough of a response from the other campuses there can be a specific time slot slated for them and they can receive VIP treatment." However, students from Niagara Falls must provide their own transportation to Welland if they want to participate.

As for planning events at other campuses, Sorensen said if there is not "enough of a response, then it is a waste of SAC's time and money."

Ron Hoover, student life liaison officer for all three campuses, has the job of "providing a communication flow" between campuses. He understands Sorensen's concern.

However, he would still like to see joint events. He suggested an acoustic guitar concert at Niagara Falls with students from Welland and St. Catharines being bused there.

Hoover wants to hear the concerns of students and hopes to eliminate the problems and "create a forum where something constructive comes out of it."

Canada 'menu' planned

A luncheon with a Canadian theme is being planned for Oct. 19 by Niagara College's Canada 125 Committee. The lunch menu, designed to celebrate Canada's birthday, will feature dishes that might have been served to Canadians 125 years ago.

"It's a menu from Canada's past," says Al Cipryk, a member of the committee and a chef at Niagara College's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls.

About 100 people from Niagara College, Niagara University, and Erie County Community College and others will gather at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre for the event.

Bold plans for the future

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

Despite being caught between all-time high enrolment and government-forced budget cuts, Niagara President John Saso said the college is committed to maintaining the standard of excellence of 1991-92, where 93 per cent of graduates found employment.

The college will try to maintain this standard of excellence by "bringing in new far-sighted programs and people well-trained to teach these programs," Saso said.

"Inventiveness and flexibility" are the keys to the colleges' success at coming to terms with the new economic and employment realities in the world today, he said.

To deal with the budget and increased enrolment the college will work with the province to make changes in funding, find new revenues and ask the staff and students for ideas, Saso said.

The enrolment increase has meant increased work for everyone. "The faculty, support staff and administration, which is the same size as two years ago, are doing a great job in handling the new enrolment- up over 60 per cent in the same period," Saso said.

"Colleges are vital to the country and the province, and the ability to compete in the world market," he said.

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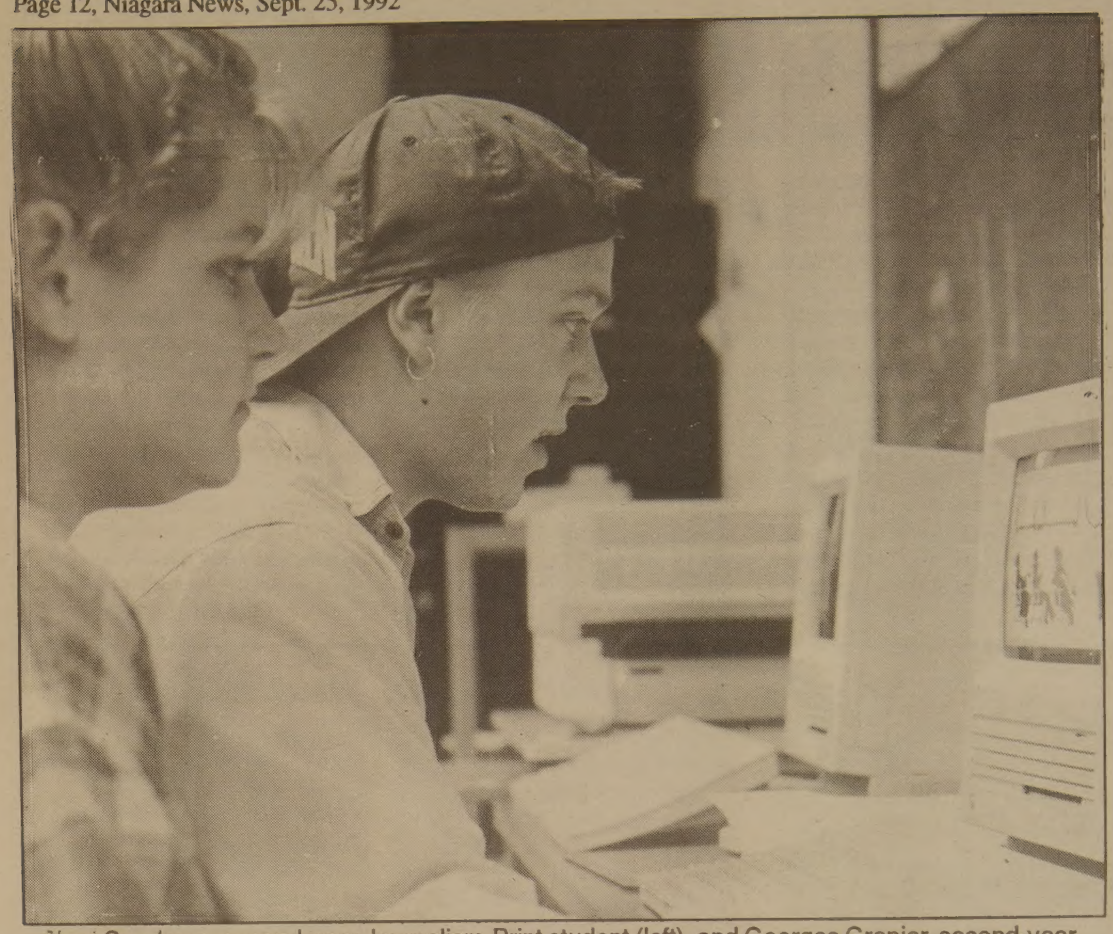

Sheri Goodman, second-year Journalism-Print student (left), and Georges Grenier, second-year Fashion Merchandising-Visual Promotions student, work together on a Macintosh desktop publishing project. The Macs are a large part of the Media and Design division's new structure.
Photo by Jacquie Butler

Applied Arts now Tech and Media

By JACQUIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Niagara College's School of Applied Arts no longer exists.

In its place is the School of Technology and Media Design, a pared-down version of the Applied Arts division.

The division's number of courses has been reduced, with Health Records/Medical Transcriptionist moving to the School of Health and Community Studies-Allied Health Sciences, and Legal Assistant and Office Administration General and Executive moving to the School of Business and Hospitality-Business Studies.

Media and Design division includes Broadcasting-Radio, Television, and Film, Visual and Creative Arts-Design, Journalism-Print, Interior Design, and Fashion Merchandising-Visual Promotions programs.

The grouping of related programs "should make for a much stronger division, with everyone working together," said Larry Taylor, division director.

Media and Design's stronghold is a new Macintosh computer lab, expected to be functional by the second week of October. Sixteen computers, updated to handle more sophisticated software, will be located in S204, accessible to all Media and Design division programs.

The computers are "having their brains fixed," said Joan Davies, co-ordinator of Fashion Merchandising-Visual Promotions, in order to carry a sophisticated desktop publishing system.

Desktop publishing, which Taylor called "the wave of the future," will be a large part of each Media and Design program's curriculum, used for everything from fashion advertising to the publication of the *Niagara News*.

"It will give everyone a better understanding of production," said Phyllis Barnatt, co-ordinator of Journalism-Print, adding that students from related programs will have the chance to work as closely as they would in industry. "It's an on-going education among students," she said.

Barnatt said she expects work on the desktop publishing system to give students more practical experience, which will be immediately useful on the job.

It is the focus of the changes, said Taylor, to provide students with the training they need to find employment. He added that in the job market, "the graduate with the most marketable skills will get the job."

"The school has a committment to an excellent Media and Design division," Taylor said. The next step is to collect input from students in the division.

"[The desktop publishing system] will give students a better sense of pride in their own work," Barnatt said. "I think they'll find it's a lot of fun."

New French manager gets expanded role

By TAMMY PARKER
Staff Writer

As you walk down the Merritt wing you may be surprised to hear French conversation taking place in room 100c. Well it's just Anne Audet-Giroux speaking with her secretary Huguette Game.

But why are they speaking French? Because Audet-Giroux is the new manager of Niagara College's French Language Services Division. Both Audet-Giroux and Game speak fluent French and English, but prefer to talk to each other in French.

The atmosphere of Audet-Giroux's office is very welcoming. She has a desk like most managers and a small table and chairs where she can have more relaxed, comfortable discussions. Audet-Giroux has a beautiful, big picture window overlooking the courtyard full of students.

"The responsibilities and the roles of the manager have been expanded," she says. Last year Maurice Glaude was the administrator of the division.

Budgeting, planning, organizing, and promoting the French language services are the major tasks keeping Audet-Giroux so busy.

She also has "the responsibility of co-managing with the appropriate academic director," of the unilingual or bilingual programs.

When Audet-Giroux speaks about her many responsibilities her eyes sparkle brightly and her smile widens as her enthusiasm shines.

Audet-Giroux and Neil McGregor, Community Studies division director, co-manage the two-year Early Childhood Education program (Education des petits). Education des petits is offered unilingually in the Mackenzie building at the Welland campus. Nineteen students are preparing for careers in the French-speaking day-care services.

Education des petits is also offered by teleconference. Students do home studies and speak with an instructor weekly. Audet-Giroux says that barrier will soon be overcome. In the distance mode learning students and instructors will be able to speak face-to-face via television or computer screens. Distance mode learning in Education des petits is offered at Niagara, La Cite Collegiate, Cambrian and Northern Colleges.

As Audet-Giroux describes the various French programs in English, she says "ummm" often. She explains she is thinking in French and talking in English. If anyone has ever taken French as a second language course you understand exactly how this can happen, but in the reverse.

Tourism, Tours and Attractions (Tourisme-Circuits et Attraits Touristiques) is offered bilingually at the college's Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls. Audet-Giroux and David Davies, Hospitality and Tourism division director, work together combining classroom instruction and co-operative work experience into a two-year program.

Audet-Giroux is involved in a community consortium of French language college education. The group meets monthly to consult on new initiatives such as different programs and services.

The Ontario Ministry of Education granted the French Language Services division $20,000 to explore the viability of a Registered Nursing Assistant program (Soinsih Firmiers Auxilares). Also, $50,000 was then granted to finance proposals and program developments and all the "physical aspects" of the program. Audet-Giroux co-manages the program with Nursing Studies Director, Donna Cunningham.

An Ontario Basic Skills (OBS) program is offered bilingually to adults 25 years or older to prepare for a better future in the workplace. OBS is offered to French students at the Niagara College Hospitality and Tourism Centre, St. Catharines campus and at the Welland campus.The program starts Sept. 28 at Confederation High School in Welland and continues for 24 weeks. The program includes 20 to 25 hours a week of reading, writing and math skills up to the Grade 12 level, basic computer skills and life and work adjustment skills. After completing the program students have the option of applying to college or university or they may receive job search assistance.

Niagara College is a bilingual college. Audet-Giroux is working skilfully to expand its French language services and programs. She is genuinely devoted to assisting French speaking citizens and students fulfil their educational goals.

College receives provincial money

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

Niagara College has received $491,517 in transition assistance funding for five projects from the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities, said Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration.

"We are pleased with what we did get," he said. "We certainly had a number of excellent programs which didn't receive funding, but we're pleased with the amount the college received."

The Rationalization of Food and Beverage Management program at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre in Niagara Falls received $61,969 to assist in the transfer of first-year Mohawk College students to Niagara after Mohawk phases out its Food and Beverage Management program.

Transitions for Resource Partnerships received $88,668 to establish a Resource Partnership Action Team involving Niagara College, Mohawk College in Hamilton, Sheridan College in Oakville and the Canadian Manufacturing Association. The partnership will establish new certified training options for the manufacturing sector with support from business, labor, students and the community.

A Language Development Project in the English Foundation Studies received $142,855 to develop instruments/testing procedures to assess language levels, deficiencies and learning needs. The project is expected to reduce student dropouts and increase student access for non-traditional target groups.

Program Rationalization — A Western Region Model at the Welland campus received $172,410 to put toward the partnership of the six Western region colleges (Conestoga in Kitchener, Fanshawe in London, Lambton in Sarnia, Mohawk, Niagara and St. Clair in Windsor) who are developing operational policies and program opportunities.

Management Information Services at the Welland campus received $25,615 so it can connect with ONET/Internet Network, an electronic communication network which 23 colleges will soon connect to and have access to the Central Application System. The system is designed to avoid overlap and duplication from the college system when processing student applications and enable each college to share services and information.

Audet-Giroux brings years of experience to her new job

After 37 years in the field of education Anne Audet-Giroux comes to Niagara College as the new manager of the French Language Services Division. "I'm happy to be part of the family here at Niagara," she says.

Audet-Giroux holds three university degrees, including a masters in education. She is completing a PhD. She has taught all elementary and secondary grades, and was the co-ordinator of the Secondary School Program Review for Confederation Secondary School in the Niagara South Board.

She represented the francophone community's concerns on the college's Board of Governors. However, she resigned after five years to compete for her current postion. She was vice-chairman of the board when she left.

Audet-Giroux is supported in her career by her husband Marc`yain Giroux; her two step-sons, Francois and Daniel and two daughters Martine, and Michelle.

At the presentation for the Legion's Political Science scholarship are, from left to right, Cathy Gillis, Law and Security Administration program co-ordinator; Hugh MacDonald, recipient; Charles Lyon, vice-president Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #4; and Neil McGregor, Community Studies Division director, Niagara College.

Photo by Jennifer Herr

Legion awards $200 scholarship

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

The third annual Royal Canadian Legion Political Science Scholarship, presented annually to the student attaining the highest average in any two politics courses at Niagara College, was presented to Hugh MacDonald, a second-year Law and Security Administration student, in the Hamilton Room Sept. 16.

The $200 award was presented by Charles Lyon, vice president of Branch No. 4 of the Legion. Lyon said that while most of the members of his organization are veterans of war, the vast majority of them "do not believe in war". It is this attitude that led Eugene Maltais, a Niagara College political science teacher, to approach the organization three years ago to sponsor the scholarship. In introducing Lyon, Maltais "said the basic ideals of democracy, the rights of minorities and basic freedoms for all people upheld by the Legion are very similar to those taught in political science courses at Niagara."

MacDonald, a mature student, in accepting the award, encouraged students to strive for excellence, saying "It's there for everybody."

Previous winners of the award were Raymond Linton in 1990 and Jeff Cooper in 1991.

Co-op provides necessary training skills for students

By PATRICK ASELSTINE
Staff Writer

Despite the prolonged economic recession, there are "lots of reasons for people with skills to be optimistic," said Rosemary Cawthorn, manager, Co-operative Education and Career Services at Niagara College.

The trend, making it more difficult for students to find work, "began in 1990 and has gotten progressively worse," Cawthorn said.

"It (finding a job) takes longer. The students are facing the same difficulties as in the past. It goes in cycles. It's nothing we haven't gone through before," Cawthorn said.

Since being introduced in 1978, co-op has grown to 18 programs and more than 1,000 students from the business, hospitality and technology divisions.

While many programs require students to find an unpaid placement for a short period of time before graduation, co-op programs specify students must find paid employment of longer duration several times. A normal employer/employee relationship must be observed.

Niagara College's Co-operative Education and Career Services office exists primarily to assist students with their job search skills and career paths.

The office employs four co-op counsellors and five co-op liaison officers along with a career and services officer.

Cawthorn emphasized the importance of learning job search skills, "especially during a recession."

Students must be "flexible, motivated and competitive," Cawthorn said.

"They need to look more at part-time, temporary, and contract work when they are starting out," she said.

Recent graduates need to "put together the building blocks and look at it as a start," she said.

While a post-secondary education used to set job seekers apart, it's now a "minimum requirement," she said.

Co-op programs can supply students with work experience along with valuable job-finding and career-planning skills, which if properly used, should give individuals "a better chance" of finding work upon graduation.

One important advantage recent graduates do have over much of their competition is the fact that they have up-to-date training.

It's important for students to "draw attention to specific skills ... and gear their resumes that way," she said.

Ninety per cent of Niagara's co-op students required to find work this summer did so, meaning 380 jobs for students.

"It is a credit to the students in times of recession that they were able to make employers recognize their training," Cawthorn said.

Key to the future?

By STUART KRICK
Staff Writer

This fall, thousands of potential students were turned away from a chance at higher education. This fact begs the question: Will Canada remain economically viable if it refuses to maximize every opportunity at educating its citizens?

Comment

Every nation is mired in an economic recession that has the economists baffled and working overtime to manufacture inane gooblegook to explain what's going on and how long it will last. They offer explanations such as the economies of the world are gearing up for a global market, or that we are paying for the overspending of the past.

But is it possible the economists aren't looking deep enough? Is it possible the source of the recession isn't poor economic decisions, but rather that the species has lost confidence in itself? After all, isn't faith an essential ingredient for economic prosperity?

Doesn't it seem more logical to view the recession, along with other problems such as overpopulation, pollution, dwindling resources, biosphere damage, inequality of the distribution of goods, self interest and corruption among the ruling classes, famine and war as materialistic manifestations of the emotions despair and cynicism, all of which have their source in a spiritual crisis?

Materialistic problems, such as the recession and pollution, can't be solved if we are consumed by negative emotion. And negative emotions can't be changed if we lack faith in ourselves.

So the question is: How do we restore our faith?

Economists say economic prosperity will create spiritual faith, but are at a loss as to how prosperity will start when no one has faith.

Will a visionary full of optimism be able to soothe faith back into us? But doesn't this presuppose we are sheep that need to be herded and manipulated? And isn't much of our loss of faith based on the fact we do, indeed, act too much like a ruthless, blind herd?

Will a religious revival fill us with faith? But how will blind adherence to ancient prejudice and unreasoned thinking help our faith? In fact, isn't the ridiculous posturing and reactionism of the church also a strong force in our loss of faith?

What about education? Isn't it our only hope? Isn't education the only tool we have to help us liberate our creative energies, so that we can find the faith within ourselves to solve our many problems?

It's time we pay students to go to school

And yet, in Canada, we have created three great obstacles to our enlightenment: one, we refuse to open the schools to all; two, we pay large numbers of people to be idle in ignorance; and three, we use education as a program to create individuals who can function in a pre-determined society, rather that using education to free the creative forces that lie in our minds so the individual can bend society into a more humane shape.

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Knights hit ice for new season

By PETER KOZELA
By Staff Writer

Although National Hockey League teams have already played a few exhibition games, the Niagara Knights will not begin their season for another six weeks.

The Knights won the championship in the now-defunct Intercollegiate Hockey League last season. This winter they will play in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association.

The OCAA will be split into two divisions, the Costello and Parker divisions, named after Jack Costello and Howie Parker, both of them were longtime coaches in the OCAA.

The Costello Division includes Niagara, Seneca College from Toronto, Conestoga College from Kitchener, and Sir Sanford Fleming College, which will have two teams, one based in Peterborough and one in Lindsay. The Parker Division includes Northern College from Haileybury, Cambrian College from Sudbury, Algonquin College from Ottawa, and St. Lawrence College from Brockville.

Six teams in the OCAA will advance to the playoffs — four from the Costello Division and two from the Parker Division. In the Costello Division, the first-place team will play the fourth-place team and the second-place team will play the third-place team. The winners of those sudden-death games will crossover into the Parker Division, where only the first and second place teams advance to the playoffs. In the crossover, the number-one team from the Costello will play the number-two team from the Parker and the number-one team from the Parker will play the number-two team from the Costello. The winners of those sudden-death matches will face each other for the gold medal on March 6 at Seneca College in Toronto.

Two exhibition games on the schedule for the Knights have been cancelled, an Oct.17 game against Conestoga and Oct. 30 against Buffalo State. The Knights will play an exhibition tournament in Haileybury on Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. The first regular-season game will be against Conestoga Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. at Welland Arena.

Niagara student Jr. B goalie

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

Mike Tatarka is learning how to juggle schoolwork as well as he handles a bouncing puck.

The first-year law and security student is a goaltender with the Niagara Falls Jr. B Devils. Tatarka has played hockey for 14 years. He started power skating when he was only four years old.

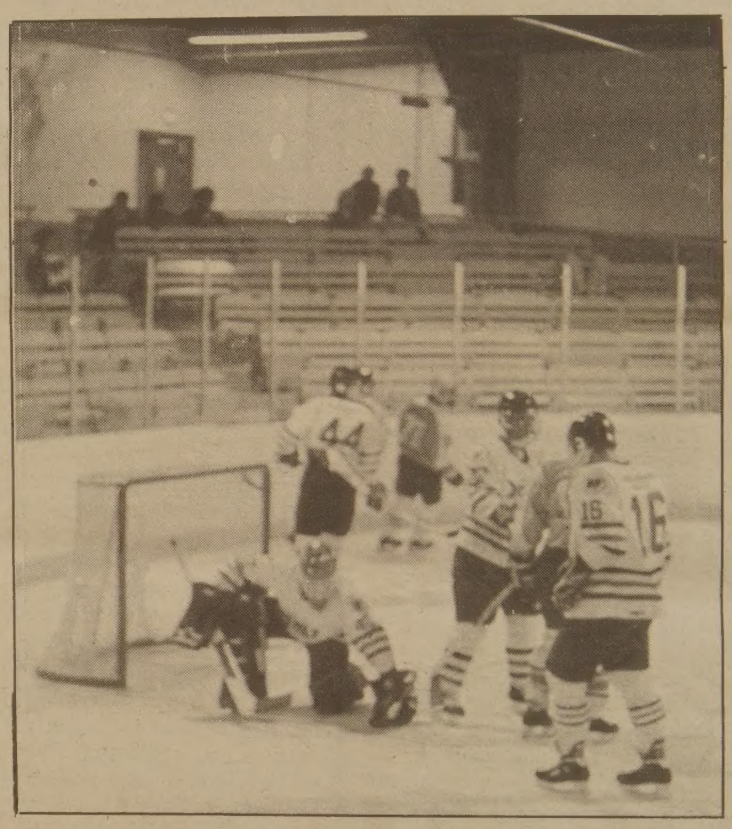
Like most hockey players, he dreams of one day playing for an NHL team. However, he has no illusions that it will be easy. People that are skilled enough to go pro are "few and far in between. Chances for most are slim," says 18-year-old Tatarka. "Something like one in a 100 will get drafted, but only about one in 300 will actually get to play."

One of his major goals is to earn a hockey scholarship to an Ivy League college in the United States. "You just have to be in the right place and get seen by the right people," he said.

Making a Jr. B team is no easy task. Players must be seen by a scout while playing for a Jr. C team. If the scout believes that they might be a good prospect, the team will send the player an "invite" to the next training camp. Training camps usually last about a week and include as many as 40 to 80 people. "Competition is high because the people are from all over," said Tatarka. Each team signs 22 players but is only allowed to dress 20 players each game.

If a player has previously played for a different organization, then the team must acquire his release before he can be signed to a new team.

Last season Tatarka played for three different teams including his first team the Brantford Jr. B Classics. After three months, he found he wasn't getting as much ice time as he wanted. He moved to his hometown of Simcoe and played with the Jr. C Storm, for a three month period. After encountering problems with management he finished the season with the Burford Jr. B Bulldogs.



Mike Tatarka, goaltender for the Niagara Falls Jr. B Devils makes a successful save.

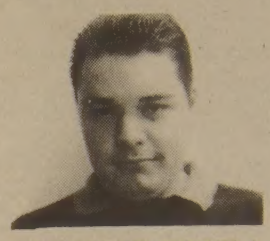
Photo by Duncan Warrener

Tatarka said he dislikes the possibility of players being traded. He doesn't worry about it but, "it is always there and could happen any time," he said. To most players it is something they must accept.

"The coach is understanding about work and school. They (work and school) are the only excuses for missing a game," he said. "It's hard to stay motivated for practise and dryland training sometimes."

Tatarka is optimistic about having a good season. "I had a bad experience with coaching staff last year so I'm glad to be playing in a new town."

Series to remember



By PETER KOZELA
By Staff Writer

Monday marks the 20th anniversary of what many believe is the greatest sporting event in Canada's history.

I believe it is.

In 1972, Canada's best National Hockey League players faced the best players from the former Soviet Union in an eight-game series.

It was a two-week period most Canadians over 30 years of age will never forget. From the opening faceoff in the first game at the Montreal Forum to Paul Henderson's dramatic winning goal with 34 seconds left in the last game in Moscow, many Canadians will remember September 1972 as one of the country's greatest sporting moments.

At first, there was strong opposition to the idea of a series between the best players from both countries. The opposition came mostly from the owners of U.S. teams in the NHL. The major supporters were Alan Eagleson, executive director of the National Hockey League Players Association, Clarence Campbell, president of the NHL, and Harold Ballard, owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

When the arguments were finally resolved, an agreement had been reached in early 1972 between Hockey Canada and the Soviet Ice Hockey Federation to play an eight-game series.

However, the controversy didn't end there. Campbell declared that no player who jumped to the rival World Hockey Association would be eligible to play for Canada. That included Bobby Hull, an All-Star left winger with the Chicago Blackhawks, who had signed a lucrative contract with the Winnipeg Jets of the WHA. Hull did not play on the team.

But the squad did include players such as Phil Esposito, Yvan Cournoyer, Bobby Clarke, Frank and Peter Mahovlich, Ron Ellis, Paul Henderson, Jean Ratelle, Serge Savard, Brad Park and goalies Ken Dryden and Tony Esposito. It was an amazing collection of players.

The Soviet team — which included players such as Tretiak, Lutchenko, Maltsev, Kharlamov and Petrov — were unknown to most Canadians.

Many hockey experts picked the Canadians to win all eight games of the series. They didn't.

The first game was played Sept. 2 in Montreal. And what followed was a major shock to the 18,000 fans, which included former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and millions watching across Canada on television. The Soviets won 7-3.

The two teams then moved to Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto where Team Canada won 4-1 thanks to outstanding goaltending from Tony Esposito, who had replaced Ken Dryden.

After the teams played to a 3-3 tie in Winnipeg Sept. 6, the Soviets defeated Team Canada in Vancouver on Sept. 8. The game is remembered because Vancouver fans booed the Canadian team.

After the game, Phil Esposito appeared on television and criticized the fans for their actions.

Esposito's outburst seemed to fire up the team.

After the series moved to the Luzhniki Sports Palace in Moscow, Canada had a 4-1 lead going into the third period. However, the Soviets scored four unanswered goals and won the game 5-4.

Canada then won the sixth game 3-2 and the seventh game 4-3 thanks to a goal by Paul Henderson with less than three minutes remaining in the game. The series was all even.

Comment

Team Canada, driven by Esposito's leadership and Henderson's scoring, wasn't going to be denied. With only 34 seconds remaining in the game and the score tied 5-5, Henderson — a member of the Toronto Maple Leafs — scored the winning goal.

Foster Hewitt's description of Henderson's game-winning goal remains etched in the minds of many Canadians. Henderson soon became a national hero.

A set of hockey trading cards commemorating the series was released this summer. And this Sunday at 8 p.m., CBC Television will broadcast a two-hour special featuring interviews with players involved in the series and highlights from the eight games.

For most hockey fans, the show should bring back some fond memories.

Golf team tees it up

By RICK KINZEL
Staff Writer

The Niagara College golf team try-outs were held earlier this month at Twenty Valley Golf Club in Welland.

Eighteen golfers battled the wind to earn a spot on this year's team. Scott Dickson and Ray Morin tied for the low score by shooting 81. Pat Preston shot an 84 while Mark Cottringer shot an 85. Tony Baldinelli shot an 86, and Tom Templeman shot an 87. Six golfers survived the cut.

The team, which competed in Oshawa Sept. 22, will be cut to four members. The final four will go to Peterborough in October for the Ontario college championships.

SPORTS

NHL Dream Team could lead to new audience

By FRANK IUDICIANI
Staff Writer

It was the most explosive team ever assembled to play in an international competition. The team made headlines in every country or small town they visited. The U.S. Dream Team made the National Basketball Association a worldwide commodity because of the exposure it gained through its star players such as Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan. And now the National Hockey League is hoping to follow in the footsteps of the NBA and put together its own version of a Dream Team.

The NHL is in a position to help itself by gaining worldwide interest in small countries in Europe and perhaps as far away as Japan. A Canadian team of star players such as Wayne Gretzky, Mario Lemieux, and Eric Lindros is sure to draw much needed attention to the league.

A U.S. Dream Team is one goal for the league because any added attention in major television markets such as Florida and Texas will only enhance the NHL's chances of signing a major television deal with one of the three main networks. A U.S. entry would be led by star players such as NHL goal scoring leader Brett Hull and New York Ranger netminder Mike Richter. The combination of these two players and a supporting cast of top-line NHLer's would give the U.S. a fighting chance at a medal. And we know how Americans love to praise their medal winners, just ask Bob Costas.

The main stumbling block for the project remains what to do with the league while star players are away in Norway for three weeks. One suggestion is that the league take a break during the Olympics and resume play immediately afterwards.

Let's face it, if the NHL doesn't sign a big television pact with a major American network, its chances of becoming one of the top professional leagues in sports is in jeopardy. The league will continue to be the little sister in terms of pro leagues, perhaps spelling doom for teams in smaller markets such as Hartford and Winnipeg.

The league has taken the first step toward financial security by recently signing a deal with ESPN in the U.S. The American sports network is owned by ABC and there has been some discussion that the television giant may televise a few games in this upcoming season to replace the void left when ABC dropped its coverage of the World Football League.

The NBA has set a good example for the NHL and all pro leagues to follow. It's time for the National Hockey League to escape the shadows of the other pro leagues and gain an identity of its own. The answer is staring them straight in the face and if they don't take advantage of the situation now, they never will. The league has a responsibility to promote its star players and the best way to it is to put them on display in front of the world's most watched sporting event.

Tug-of-war kicks off annual Shinerama

By JENNIFER HERR
Staff Writer

To serve and to protect . . . and to kick off Shinerama.

That was the purpose of 25 members of the Niagara Regional Police Force last Thursday, Sept. 17 on the soccer field of the Welland Campus of Niagara College. They came to compete against several Law and Security Administration program students as part of the festivities to start Shinerama, an annual event in which college and university students shine shoes, wash cars and generally shine to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

The NRP are veterans of this type of event, having competed in tug-of-wars for at least 25 years, said First Class Const. Jim McCaffery. Members of the NRP team compete annually against their American counterparts on the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls, said McCaffery. The border acts as a symbolic middle ground, and for the first time in years, the NRP was pulled onto the American side in defeat this year.

This was not the case on Thursday. Despite a remarkable effort in the second round that led to a LASA victory, the veteran team defeated the college's future cops two wins to one. As a prize, the NRP team was treated to t-shirts, pizza and beer in After Hours following the match.

There was a noticeable lack of female participation on both sides of the competition. The NRP team had no women, and the LASA team contained only two women. Belinda Rose, 21, a second-year LASA student, said "No other girls would do it . . . I want to be treated equally because I want to be a police officer." An NRP team member, Ernie Pieneman, defended the lack of female participation on their side by saying that no women really "showed an interest".

SAC Vice President External Affairs Kristen Sorensen, who organized the event, said the tug-of-war was very successful, adding that "we (LASA students) should have won". Const. McCaffery agreed with the success of the event, saying "You guys surprised us . . . It was a lot of fun."

Niagara College students took part in Shinerama in the Niagara Region on Sept. 18 and Sept. 19.

Belinda Rose, a second-year Law and Security student, tries to pull over a bunch of cops to kick off Shinerama.
Photo by Troy Clarke

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Agreement for staff reached

By SAMANTHA MAGILL
Staff Writer

A tentative settlement was reached last week between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the Council of Regents, the governing body for Ontario colleges.

"Last week's support staff awareness walk was a successful one," said Barbara Fonfara, president of OPSEU Local 243 at Niagara College.

"Management agrees with the negotiating team for more benefits, but the one to two per cent increase will stay the same," said Fonfara.

Niagara College support staff held an organized walk in front of Hennepin Hall.

"The awareness walk was not a militant action against the college," said Fonfara, "but rather a show of support for the negotiating team."

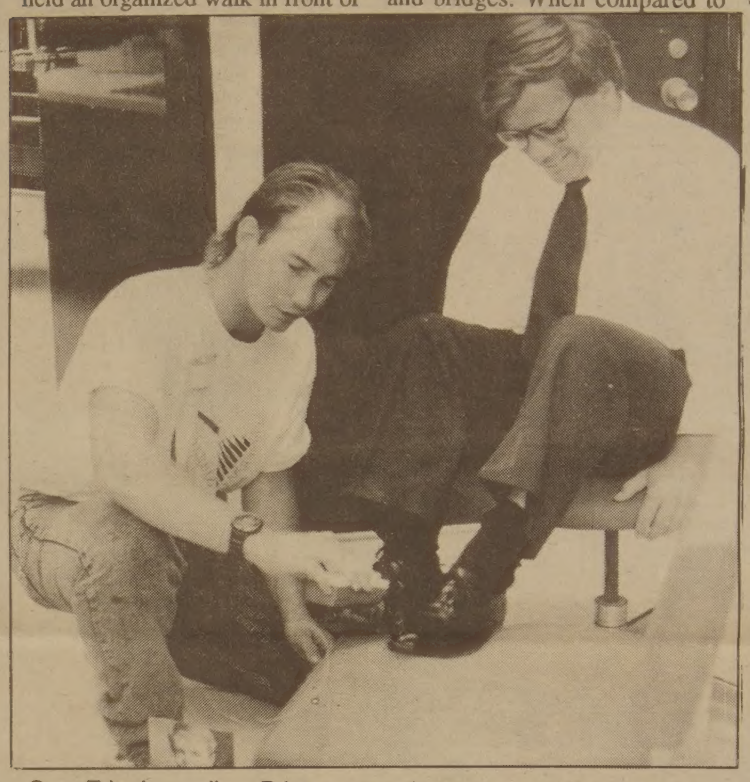
"The protest was proper within the collective agreement," said Niagara College President John Saso. "I feel they did it in a professional manner, didn't disrupt class or hurt students. They made their point and the point was taken. I am proud of the way they handled themselves."

The support staff at Ontario colleges are the only full-time college workers who don't have full insurance coverage for dental crowns and bridges. When compared to other full-time college workers they are "the lowest paid," stated a union press release.

Fonfara and other local union presidents will be attending a meeting this week in Toronto.

"I personally feel that there will not be a strike if support staff demands are not met," said Fonfara. "The presidents of all the locals will meet in Toronto to instruct the negotiating team on the next step."

College support staff include maintenance staff, clerical staff, marketing staff, development officers, and technical workers. The college employs about 175 support staff.



Gary Erb, Journalism-Print program instructor, receives a spotless shoe shine from Dale Deloughery, Student Administrative Council president, after donating to Cystic Fibrosis research.
Photo by Duncan Warrener

Shinerama raises $903

By DUNCAN WARRENER
Staff Writer

Cystic fibrosis knows the value of a little elbow grease . . . or is that a little shoe polish?

The Student Administrative Council held their 10th annual Shinerama last Friday. A total of $903 was raised.

Shinerama is a fundraiser in which students from across Canada shine shoes to aid cystic fibrosis research.

More than 200,000 college and university students participated.

William Rose, 18, a first-year Human Relations program student, volunteered his time because one of his friends has cystic fibrosis. Rose says Shinerama is "a very good idea. Every bit of money cystic fibrosis can get is a benefit."

Kristen Sorensen, SAC vice-president external, organizer of Shinerama, states the goal of the event is to "make lots of money."

SAC hopes to raise $5,700.

Cystic fibrosis is a hereditary chronic disease of the exocrine glands which leads to infection and fibrosis.

More members expected

By KIMBERLY SHEPPARD
Staff Writer

"A fantastic turnout" is what Tony Vandermaas, a second-year Niagara College business student, said about the first meeting this year of the Non-Traditional Student Association. He's hoping the enthusiasm will continue.

The association's first social will be Friday, Oct. 2 in the Tecumseh Lounge at the Welland campus at 7 p.m. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 12:30 p.m. in S206.

Through social and other organized events, the association wants to expand its membership as well as becoming a significant part of college life. Making the student body at all campuses of the college aware of the group is a main objective for the association.

"We chose the name non-traditional in order to attract a broader range of students," said Vandermaas.

Adjusting to college life can be difficult, especially for those who haven't been in school for some time. The association wants to meet the needs of students with families, provide support and a chance to meet other people in the same position.

Residence by 1994?

By TANYA HVILIVITZKY
Staff Writer

A Niagara College official is optimistic a new privately-run residence will be built at the Welland campus by September 1994.

The college has received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities for a call for proposal," said Hans van der Slagt, vice-president administration.

"Unlike a tender, the developer would do the building," he said. "This means we can go out to the development community and see what's out there."

The college would lease the property to the developer who would build and manage the facility for a period of time, then it would be transferred to the college.

The aim is to have a 200-bed residence by September 1994, said van der Slagt. "It's going to take almost a year to do the planning and a year for the building."

Each room would have 350 square feet with two beds, a bath unit and kitchenette, he said. The residence would also house a cafeteria, study-recreation area and laundry facilities.

A proposed site is the corner of Woodlawn and Rice Roads.

Ultimately, under the college's Master Plan, a residency would be constructed at both the Niagara Falls and St. Catharines campuses, said van der Slagt.

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Writing workshop successful

By TRACY HURST
Staff Writer

"A small, but select number" of area writers attended a workshop organized by Niagara College's Continuing Education department and the Centre for Language Arts last May, said Donna Kerrigan, organizer and college English instructor. "The urge to pursue creative writing is alive and well in this area."

The three-day conference was attended by people from the community rather than college students. Presentations included children's literature and a seminar on Harlequin romance novels.

Aspiring writers who missed the Niagara Writer's Workshop can attend a second workshop scheduled for the end of June 1993. Interested writers can contact Kerrigan in S104, Ext. 7716.